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1. NAJC Annual General Meeting

1.1 2019 Annual General Meeting Agenda

August 24, 2019

Zoom Conference Call

12 Noon PDT, 1 PM MDT, 2 PM CDT, 3 PM EDT

2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA AND MOTIONS

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

3. APPOINTMENTS

4. ROLL CALL

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion (#1) to accept the 2019 Agenda of the AGM

Moved:

Seconded:

6. APPROVAL OF NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HOST CITY

Motion (#2) to accept Edmonton as the host city for the 2020 AGM & Conference

Moved:

Seconded:

7. APPOINTMENT OF LEGAL FIRM

Motion (#3) to accept the appointment legal firm of Booth Dennehy, LLP as the legal firm for NAJC for 2019-2020

Moved:

Seconded:

8. TREASURER'S REPORT



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Motion (#4) to accept the Treasurer's Report, March 31, 2019.

Moved:

Seconded:

Motion (#5) to accept the audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2018.

Moved:

Seconded:

Motion (#6) To appoint the firm Miyazawa and Company as the auditor of the NAJC for the 2019-2020 year.

Moved:

Seconded:

9. APPROVAL OF NAJC ANNUAL AND AGM REPORTS

Motion (#7) to accept 2019 NAJC Annual Reports as presented.

Moved:

Seconded:

10. APPROVAL OF NAJC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Motion (#8) to accept the minutes of the June 19, 2019 National Council Meeting.

Moved:

Seconded:

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion (#9) to adjourn the 2019 NAJC Annual General Meeting at : pm

Moved:

Seconded:



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1.2 2018 Annual General Meeting Minutes

2018 AGM National Association of Japanese Canadians

September 21, 2018

Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba

Winnipeg, Manitoba

2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 3:00pm

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome and announcements by David Mitsui, President of NAJC

David Mitsui welcomed the delegates, alternates, observers and the National Executive Board to the NAJC AGM in Winnipeg.

NAJC Annual Report available on the member's only website as well as USB sticks that have been distributed to members.

Welcome from JCAM by Art Miki

Welcome to the community and thanked the committee

3. APPOINTMENTS

Appointment of Karina Uehara (National Administrator) as Recording Secretary-



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Appointment of Joanne Planidin (Individual Member from Calgary) as Rules of Order Chair for the meeting.

4. ROLL CALL

National Executive Board or Staff Position	National Executive Board Member or Staff
President	David Mitsui (election vote only)
Vice-President	Lorene Oikawa (election vote only)
Treasurer	Noreen Kuroyama (election vote only)
Secretary	Michiko Yano Shuttleworth (election vote only)
Director	Lisa Uyeda (election vote only)
Director	Eiko Eby (election vote only)
Executive Director	Kevin Okabe (individual member)
National Administrator	Karina Uehara (non-voting)

Full Member Organizations	Delegate	Alternate
Calgary Japanese Community Association	Roger Teshima	Maureen Coleman
Edmonton Japanese Community Association	Sanae Ohki	Tamara Sutherland
Greater Toronto Chapter of the NAJC	Kim Uyede-Kai	Lynn Kobayashi
Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens 'Association	Judy Hanazawa	Carmel Tanaka
Hamilton Chapter of the NAJC	Patti Simpson	Anri Simpson
Japanese Canadian Association of Yukon	Fumi Torigai	Yoko Oda
Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba	Art Miki	Ken Teramura
Kamloops Japanese Canadian Association	Brenda Sawada	
Lakehead Japanese Cultural Association	Terry Tsubouchi	
Nikkei Cultural Society of Lethbridge & Area	David Tanaka	
Ottawa Japanese Community Association	Naomi Katsumi	Yumi Schoenhofer Melisa Kamibayashi-Staples
Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society	Tsugio Kurushima	Yukari Peerless



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Supporting Member Organizations	Delegate	Alternate
Central Vancouver Island JCCS	Eiko Eby	
Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre	Sherri Kajiware	
Village of New Denver	Ann Bunka	

Individual Members and Location
Kayla Isomura, New Westminster, BC Alex Miki, Winnipeg, MB Naoko Maebashi, Calgary, AB Carolyn Nakagawa, Vancouver, BC Kendall Yamagishi, Toronto, ON Kiyoshi Dembo, Toronto, ON Valerie-Hoshizaki-Nordin, Winnipeg, MB Keiko Miki, Winnipeg, MB Maryka Omatsu, Vancouver, BC Joanne Planidin, Calgary, AB Brefni Shuttleworth, Cobourg, ON Grace Thomson, Vancouver, BC

Regrets
Susanne Tabata, NAJC Director Bryan Tomlinson, NAJC Director Janice Buick, Vernon Japanese Cultural Society- Delegate Regina Japanese Cultural Club James Sinnock, Winnipeg, Individual member Pamela Sugiman, Toronto, Individual member

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion (#1)	to accept the 2018 Agenda of the AGM		
Moved by:	Ann Bunka (Village New Denver)	Seconded by:	Lynn Kobayashi (Toronto)
Result:	Carried.		



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6. APPROVAL OF NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HOST CITY

Motion (#2)	to accept Edmonton as the host city for the 2019 AGM & Conference		
Moved by:	Roger Teshima (Calgary)	Seconded by:	Judy Hanazawa (Vancouver)
Result:	Carried.		

7. APPOINTMENT OF LEGAL FIRM

Motion (#3)	to accept the appointment legal firm of Booth Dennehy, LLP as the legal firm for NAJC for 2018-2019		
Moved by:	Art Miki (MB)	Seconded by:	Patti Simpson (Hamilton)
Result:	Carried.		

8. TREASURER'S REPORT

Motion (#4)	to accept the Treasurer's Report, March 31, 2018. Noreen Kuroyama		
Moved by:	Brenda Sawada (Kamloops)	Seconded by:	Naomi Katsumi (Ottawa)
Result:	Carried.		

Motion (#5)	to accept the audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2018. Auditor still finalizing report so audited statements will need to be ratified at a future date. Once finalized, draft will be circulated along with 90 days notice for a National Council Zoom Conference Call.		
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Motion (#6)	To appoint the firm Miyazawa and Company as the auditor of the NAJC for the 2018-2019 year.		
Moved by:	Art Miki (Winnipeg)	Seconded by:	David Tanaka (Lethbridge)
Result:	Carried.		

Motion (#7)	to accept 2018-19 Budget as amended.		
Moved by:	Kim Uyede-Kai (Toronto)	Seconded by:	Naomi Katsumi (Ottawa)
Result:	Carried.		

Modifications of the budget were made to the following expenses: BC redress, travel, website, Suzuka scholarship, EF administration, replacing the F2F meeting with zoom meetings, separate line for ED expenses. Human rights budget: the actuals were lower than the budget.

9. APPROVAL OF NAJC ANNUAL AND AGM REPORTS

Available on Website

Motion (#8)	to accept 2018 AGM reports as presented.		
Moved by:	Roger Teshima (Calgary)	Seconded by:	Sherri Kajiwarra (NNM)
Result:	Carried.		

HR network: more information needed and lists were requested.

Human rights work: more outreach & development.

Heritage: signage project finished; legacy project interpreted signs to recognize the JC internment



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Membership: criteria to be a member in the bylaws, volunteer appreciation. Participation in the Powell Street Festival

Human rights: speaker series.

Young leaders: monthly meetings, the Suitcase project, survey, priorities.

10. APPROVAL OF NAJC COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Motion (#9)	to accept the minutes of the August 20, 2018 National Council Meeting.		
Moved by:	Art Miki (Winnipeg)	Seconded by:	Judy Hanazawa (Vancouver)
Result:	Carried.		

Action items arising from minutes:

- a. Question about breach of confidentiality relating to Synopsis?
 - NEB members polled, none admitted to breaching confidentiality
 - Question remains – how did information that was confidential to the NEB get included in the Synopsis?
- b. Revocation of Membership (needs 30 days notification)
- c. Revocation of NEB member (needs 30 days notification, only relevant if elected to NEB)

MOTION: Discussion about motion 10 for 15 minutes. Moved by Art Miki and seconded by Judy Hanazawa.

Joanne Planidin was appointed Point of Order.

MOTION: to finalize the discussion. Moved by Art Miki and seconded by Brefni Shuttleworth.

Motion (#10) Deleted



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11. ELECTIONS

Abstained: Janice Buick (Vernon)

Absent: James Sinnock, Susanne Tabata, Pamela Sugiman

Position	Name	Member of:
President (Acclaimed) 1 nomination received	Lorene Oikawa	Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association
Vice President (Acclaimed) 1 nomination received	Keiko Miki	Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba
Treasurer (Acclaimed) 1 nomination received	Les Kojima	Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba
Secretary (Election to be held) 2 nominations received for 1 position	Eiko Eby	Central Vancouver Island JC Cultural Society
	Naomi Katsumi	Ottawa Japanese Community Association
Directors (Election to be held) 4 nominations received for 3 positions	Kiyoshi Dembo	NAJC (Individual Member)
	Susanne Tabata	Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association
	Bryan Tomlinson	Ottawa Japanese Community Association
	Michiko Yano-Shuttleworth	Greater Toronto Chapter NAJC

a) Nominations Committee:

- a. Chair – Noreen Kuroyama
- b. Returning Officer – Roger resigned so new returning officer appointed (Terumi Kuwada)
- c. Other committee member – Lisa Uyeda

b) Elections to be held for the Secretary position and for the three open director positions. The candidates for all other open positions have been acclaimed

c) Ballots to be distributed by the National Administrator (different colours depending on type of membership)



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- d) Secretary Position – 2 candidates for 1 position – each allowed 3 minutes to speak to their nomination
 - a. Eiko Eby
 - b. Naomi Katsumi

- e) Director Position – 4 candidates for 3 positions – each allowed 3 minutes to speak to their nomination
 - a. Kiyoshi Dembo
 - b. Susanne Tabata (Maryka Omatsu to speak on her behalf)
 - c. Bryan Tomlinson (speaker)
 - d. Michiko Yano-Shuttleworth

- f) Election Ballots to be cast
 - a. Mark ballots with X
 - b. For Director positions, make up to 3 selections (do not have to cast 3 selections)

- g) Scrutineers Identified
 - a. Kim Uyede-Kai
 - b. Sanae Ohki
 - c. Maryka Omatsu
 - d. Brefni Shuttleworth
 - e. Eiko Eby

- h) Nominations Committee to count ballot and scrutineers will observe: Kevin Okabe, Noreen Kuroyama, Terumi Kuwada and Lisa Uyeda



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- i) Election Results Announced
Secretary elected: Eiko Eby
Directors elected: Kiyoshi Dembo, Susanne Tabata and Bryan Tomlinson

Motion (#11)	to approve the National Executive Board for 2018-2020		
Moved by:	David Tanaka (Lethbridge)	Seconded by:	Fumi Torigai (Yukon)
Result:	Carried.		

Motion (#12)	to destroy the ballots 30 days after September 21, 2018		
Moved by:	Patti Simpson (Hamilton)	Seconded by:	Sherri Kajiwarra (NNM)
Result:	Carried.		

Still seeking volunteers to serve on Endowment Fund Committee

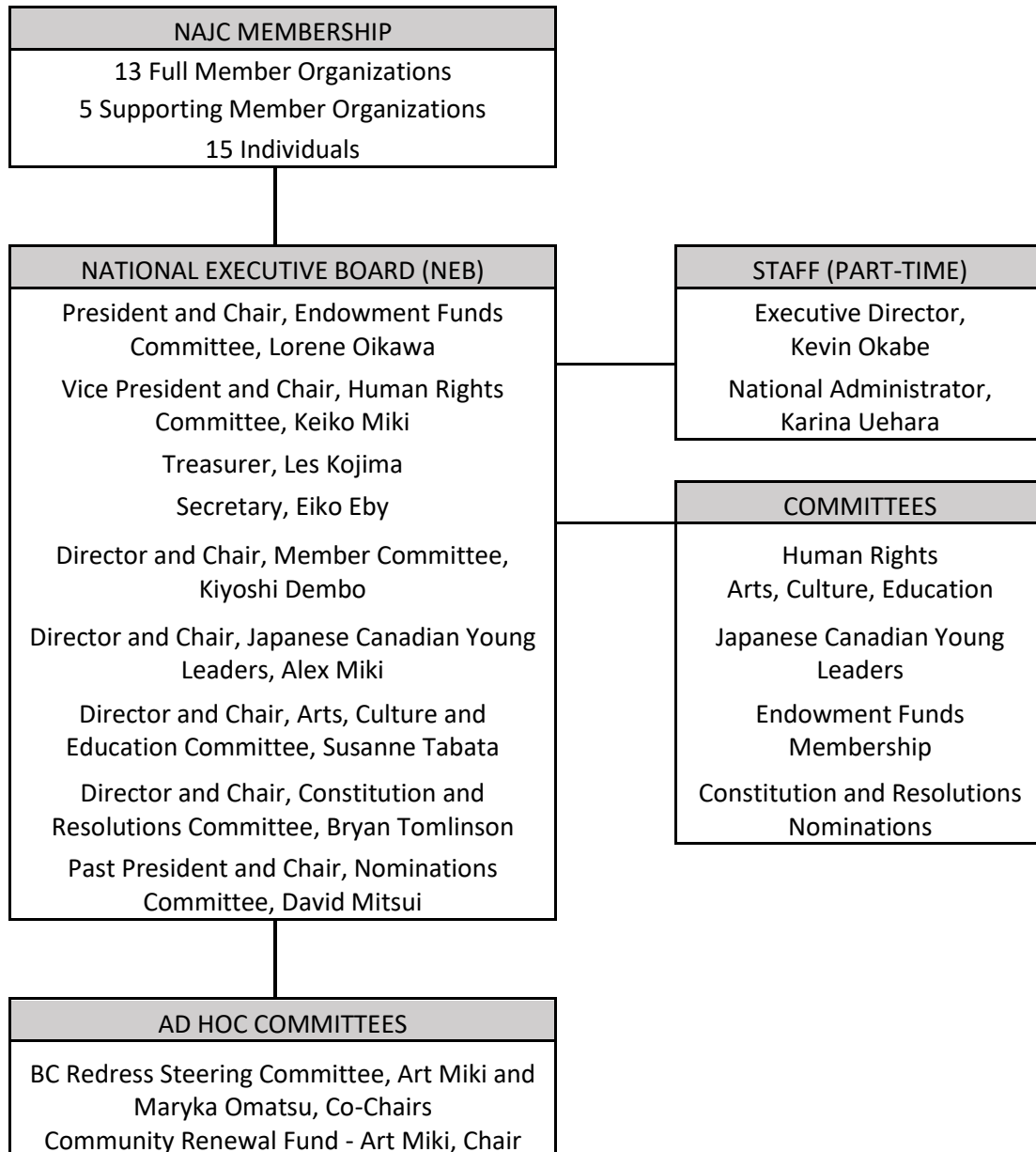
Motion (#13)	to adjourn at 6: 52 pm		
Moved by:	Judy Hanazawa (Vancouver)		



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1.3 NAJC Organizational Chart





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2. National Executive Board Member Reports

2.1 President – Lorene Oikawa

I'm honoured and proud to be your president. It's been a very busy first year, and I want to thank the NAJC National Executive Board (NEB), and the NAJC staff, executive director Kevin Okabe and national administrator Karina Uehara for their support.

We are currently focused on BC Redress, completing the community consultations and then consolidating your input and the suggestions we have received from the Japanese Canadian community. All of the feedback will help us shape the recommendations we will be presenting to the BC government. The apology from the BC government to Japanese Canadians was done in 2012. This is about the process to have something meaningful come from that apology and to have the community included. It happened to be on the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, a very appropriate day, when I signed the agreement with the current BC government for the funding of the community consultations. We have more work to do and we will be reporting back on our recommendations.

This year we have been working with our counterparts in the US to assist with the organization of COPANI XX, the 20th Biennial Pan American Nikkei Convention in San Francisco in September 2019 which will bring together those of Japanese ancestry from North and South Americas. NAJC will also be participating and sharing stories of Japanese Canadians. I am especially interested in helping to create a dialogue at the Civil Rights and Social Justice workshop so we can discuss how we can work together to show the parallels between what happened to those of Japanese ancestry in Canada, US, and South America, and what is happening now.

There have been many stories coming from the US particularly about the separation of migrant families and ill treatment of migrant children held in former Second World War prison camps. The NAJC continues to speak in support of the Japanese Americans who have been protesting the injustice. We have also been quite vocal about the alarming increase in hate and violence. Our thoughts are with the families and communities affected by the attacks on synagogues, mosques, and churches in the US, New Zealand, and Sri Lanka. In January we marked the two year anniversary when worshippers were killed at a mosque in Quebec City, a sombre reminder that we must not be complacent because intolerance exists in Canada too.

We have been working to improve our communications by sharing news through Nikkei Voice, The Bulletin, NAJC e-news, emails, online meetings, and social media. We have been increasing our outreach and having NAJC representation at events such as the Tofino apology, the launch of the Vancouver Asahi



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baseball team postage stamp and heritage minute, the 1919 Winnipeg General Strike centenary, the Steveston Nikkei Memorial Public Art unveiling, Cumberland interpretive signage at #1 mine and new Royston Mill exhibit, Ottawa Asian Heritage Month, and National Canadian Film Day. We are also having NAJC materials/presence at Toronto's Summer Fest, Calgary Omatsuri, Winnipeg Folklorama, Vancouver Powell Street Festival and Surrey Fusion Festival.

As vice-chair of the steering committee for the Landscapes of Injustice, we are helping guide the final phase of the project to knowledge mobilization including training for teachers to share our stories with students. We are looking forward to working with the new board of the Canadian Race Relations Foundation (CRRF), and have suggested finding opportunities to bring together Indigenous peoples, cultural groups, academia, labour, and community to take action against hatred and racism. More people need to know about the CRRF & its origins, negotiated by the NAJC as part of the federal Redress Agreement. The stories of our community are part of the history of Canada. Now, more than ever, our stories are important as lessons so the mistakes of the past are not repeated.

We have accomplished much in our first year of a two year term, and we have more to do. We have reviewed our strategic plan and are looking at the sustainability of the organization. We will continue to improve our processes and policies to ensure we have capacity and this will strengthen our ability to support the capacity building of our member organizations.

As a Yonsei (fourth generation Japanese Canadian), I respect the knowledge, skills, and experience of all generations. Our community isn't as big as other communities and what we lack in size we make up for in our determination, and we need to tap into that perseverance and come together. We may not always agree, but we must be respectful in our discussions and remember that we have a common goal of wanting our community to thrive. Let's work together to create the inclusive, safe, welcoming society we desire.

Thank you for the work you do, and your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorene Oikawa

President



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2.2 Vice President and Human Rights Committee – Keiko Miki

The Human Rights Committee (HRC) Members: Keiko Miki (chair); Ren Ito (Toronto); Fumi Torigai (Whitehorse); Kei Ebata (Ottawa); Doug Eddington (Thunderbay) and Janet Sakauye (Toronto) joined the network.

1. Thanks to the HRC for their commitment to this important work. Committee Zoom meetings were held on January 27, March 3, March 31, June 16, and July 28, 2019. The first meeting was an orientation and sharing of interests/ Ideas. Discussed current issues and planned outreach projects involving younger members such as Zoom Facilitated Conversations and Social Media Campaign. I shared the ongoing progress of BC Redress consultations, the JC Working Group/ Nakayama issue, and received input for the Social Justice workshop at Copani XX conference.
2. As the incoming VP and HRC Chair, I was tasked with redrafting the NAJC position statement regarding the Nanjing Massacre Commemorative Day Petition. Since this issue had strong views in the JC community, I undertook to consult members having differing viewpoints and to research the history and present context in Canada. I developed the statement that was presented at a National Council general meeting and communicated to the public. The HRC members had a frank discussion about the statement at their March 31st meeting. It was felt that more conversation has to continue.
3. In February, as VP I attended a Young Leaders Committee monthly meeting 'to bridge the communication gap' and share information. I was impressed by the outreach and cooperative work by the members of the Young Leaders across the country.
4. Maryka Omatsu (BC Redress), Lorene Oikawa (Islamophobia), Judy Hanazawa (Homelessness/poverty), and Keiko Miki (Indigenous) will participate in the Social Justice /Civil Rights workshop at the Copani conference in San Francisco in September.
5. I participated in a focus group, in Winnipeg on May 1st conducted by the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, examining the effects of the War Measure's Act. An exhibit is to be held there in the future.
6. I participated in the BC Redress consultation meeting in Vancouver at the Tonari Gumi and another in Winnipeg at the JCAM cultural centre.



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7. The Tofino Apology, a historic event, took place on May 28, 2019. Mayor Josie Osbourne of Tofino, BC, gave an apology for the harm resulting from the 1947 Resolution that all Orientals be excluded from the municipality, prevented from owning property, or carrying out business. This was rescinded in 1997. When the NAJC was contacted in March, I began a search to see what impact the discriminatory resolution had on Japanese Canadians living in Tofino during the 40's. After speaking to Marlene Mortenson, and contacting individuals and organizations on Vancouver Island, I drafted an impact statement about Marlene's father, John Madokoro's experience, and the letter that was to be sent to the Mayor, giving full support for the apology. I was privileged to witness the formal apology and to represent the NAJC at the event (see the full text of the apology and statement on YouTube or the NAJC website). Ellen Crowe-Sword (nee Kimoto) from Ucluelet worked for two years with the Mayor to make it a reality, and I believe NAJC's timely endorsement gave the Tofino Council the fortitude to move forward to do the right thing. The families were happy with the way the apology was done and appreciated NAJC involvement. How many other districts in BC had similar laws that excluded Japanese Canadians? How does the BC apology in 2012 compare with the Tofino Apology?
8. With a new Chairperson, Teresa Woo-Paw and many new board members, the Canadian Race Relations Foundation has conducted consultation meetings focused on strategic direction, activity priorities, and reviewing the Act. I joined other NEB members for an on line meeting with the Consultants on July 22. We emphasize the importance of keeping NAJC informed and developing closer working relations in the future.
9. I participated in the monthly National Executive board meetings and the two face to face meetings on Strategic planning in Winnipeg.

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to Kevin Okabe, Executive Director and Karina Uehara, National Administrator for their ongoing support and hard work during this especially busy year.



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2.3 Treasurer – Les Kojima

Investment portfolio

NAJC investments are managed by Connor, Clark & Lunn Private Capital, an independent investment counsellor that manages portfolios for high net worth individuals, foundations, endowments and First Nations across Canada. NAJC has advised its investment counsellor that it can tolerate medium risk and that it wishes to balance growth and safety over a long term investment time horizon of at least 10 years. The portfolio is managed accordingly.

While NAJC collects membership fees and sells some merchandise, the vast majority of the funds required to finance operations and to provide grants arise from its investment portfolio. Accordingly, a good measure of the NAJC “bottom line” or financial health is the market value of its portfolio. These values are shown below by quarter, to the nearest hundred thousand dollars. The numbers are “net” of investment management fees and withdrawals made to finance operations and provide grants.

	2019	2018	2017	2016
March 31	4,448	4,501	4,654	4,585
June 30	4,473	4,485	4,581	4,613
September 30	4,461*	4,447	4,525	4,641
December 31		4,203	4,541	4,607

* market value of NAJC portfolio at August 6, 2019 = \$4,460,730.92.

Financial Statements and Budget

NAJC Council has yet to approve the March 31, 2018 audited financial statements. The March 31, 2019 audited financial statements have not been completed. National Executive Board is operating according to a budget for the year ending March 31, 2020 where total operating costs and grants will exceed total projected revenues by approximately \$50,000. A budget for the year ending March 31, 2021 has not yet been prepared.

Looking Ahead

Ideally, the AGM is the time for National Council to approve the audited financial statements of the previous year and the budget for the upcoming year. NAJC must move closer to the ideals by the time of the 2020 AGM.

In January 2019, CRA issued guidance concerning new rules that allow charities to carry out public policy dialogue and development activities (PPDDAs) that further a charitable purpose, such as, for example, to strive for equal rights for all persons in Canada. While still prohibited from supporting or opposing a political party or candidate, charities are now permitted to devote up to 100% of their resources to PPDDAs that seek “to influence the laws, policies or decision of a government.” In light of the new rules, National Executive Board is investigating the feasibility of applying to register NAJC as a charity under the Income Tax Act.



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2.4 Secretary and Community Development Fund Committee – Eiko Eby

This is my first year as Secretary on the NEB. The position also includes being the Chair of the Community Development Fund Committee.

Community Development Fund Committee: As chair, I had to review the final summary reports for the 2018-19 CD grants and approve final payments. The 2018-2019 recipients were:

1. Calgary Japanese Community Association - \$2000 - Compilation of Seniors JC and pictures
2. Nikkei National Museum - \$500 - Remounting the traveling exhibit “A call for justice”
3. Kamloops Japanese Canadian Association - \$2500 – 30th Anniversary Redress Banquet
4. Hamilton Chapter NAJC - \$2500 – Transportation and guest speaker Toronto gala
5. Ottawa Japanese Community Association - \$2500 - Redress commemoration called “Truth, Justice and Community”

The NEB and National Council approved suspending the disbursement of the Community Development Fund for 2019-2020 so there will be no vetting of applications this year.

In addition, this past year, I served on the following committees:

1. Community Renewal Fund Committee
2. Future Direction Committee
3. BC Redress Presidents Committee
4. BC Redress Advisory Panel
5. BC Redress Steering Committee
6. National Council



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2.5 Director, Arts, Culture and Education Committee – Susanne Tabata

Report Pending



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2.6 Director, Constitution and Resolutions Committee – Bryan Tomlinson

Committee Members: Lynn Deutscher Kobayashi (Toronto), Joanne Planidin (Calgary).

Summary of the Constitution and Resolutions Committee in 2018-2019:

The most recent amendments to the NAJC by-laws were passed on September 9, 2016. With nearly three years elapsing, a revamping of the NAJC's Bylaws is a key priority to help enhance the NAJC's credibility with its membership and the larger community. Our goal is to have articulate, accessible and clear rules in place that reflect our desire to strengthen our relationship with all stakeholders.

The ongoing Constitution and Resolutions Committee review aims to help increase transparency in the NAJC's work and help the NAJC meet its current priorities. An enhanced culture of transparency can help boost the NAJC's credibility and make the NAJC's work more accessible by better understanding how our organization works. This review also provides the opportunity for engagement with a wide range of stakeholders in the community and is an important step to ensure wider buy-in and ownership via an inclusive process of consultations with the National Executive Board (NEB) and National Council.

Challenges concerning procedures and practices within the NAJC stand as the background against which the NAJC Constitution and Resolutions Committee has examined the by-laws. These key changes will help ensure that the NAJC's governance remains current, transparent and fit-for-purpose in order to help the NAJC accomplish its overarching objectives and better serve the Japanese Canadian community.

Timeline: The NAJC Constitution and Resolutions Committee aims to have the NAJC by-law amendments presented to the NEB by Nov 15, 2019 at the latest in order to be able to host a special general meeting of the NAJC Membership to pass the by-laws and to allow the Nominations Committee time to process changes prior to the next election. This assumes that the NAJC AGM in 2020, no earlier than September 11, 2020. This is based on the following timeline:

Nov 15, 2019	Present by-law amendments to NEB for consideration and review and allow one month for discussion, feedback and amendment
Dec 15, 2019	Send proposed bylaw amendments to membership for review and consideration and call special general meeting for Mar 14, 2020 to vote on amendments
Mar 14, 2020	Latest possible date for special meeting to pass by-law amendments, to allow Nominations Committee one month to make appropriate amendments to nomination related documents
Apr 14, 2020	Nomination papers need to be sent out to the membership
Sep 11, 2020	Earliest expected date of the AGM if we hold it in conjunction with a Conference



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The proposed NAJC By-Law amendments are divided into two categories:

1) SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES

These include all proposed changes that have implications that change the substance of the by-laws. These are listed in order of the section(s) they modify. These substantive changes are based on consultations with relevant Committee Chairs (NEB Directors) and discussions with the Constitution and Resolutions Committee. The Constitution and Resolutions Committee will recommend these proposed substantive changes for NEB review:

- **Substantive** - proposed changes that are either new additions, or changes that modify the meaning of the By-Laws. The Committee Chair is in the process of drafting a report that outlines the key considerations that are new text, including: 1) introducing a section on discipline of members (taken verbatim from the model by-laws from Corporation Canada); and 2) a section in the elections section that aims to mitigate conflict-of-interest issues arising with the Nominations Committee and elections officers.
- **Substantive questions** - issues that require further consideration by the NEB, and then the National Council. One key consideration that is new: removal of the sections disallowing proxies or electronic participation in meetings.

2) NON-SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES

The Committee has identified 57 proposed amendments to the By-Laws that do not have implications in changing the substance or meaning of the By-Laws. These are broken down by category and are listed in order of the section(s) they modify. They are straightforward changes that address obvious inconsistencies, spelling errors, formatting, or are technical updates. The Constitution and Resolutions Committee will recommend these without the NEB review based on the following categories:

- **Formatting** - issues with formatting have been resolved, ensuring consistency of spacing between paragraphs, paragraph numbering, etc.
- **Consistency** - corrections made to address inconsistencies, including terminology (e.g. "Executive Board" vs. "National Executive Board") that do not alter the meaning of text.
- **Spelling and grammar** - spelling errors have been corrected, without changes that alter the substance of the by-laws.
- **Technical updates** - only one, reflecting Metro Vancouver's new legal name

As I continue my term as Constitution and Resolution Committee Chair in the upcoming 2019-2020 year, I would like to thank the Committee members, the NAJC Executive Director, and other NEB Directors for their extensive contributions and patience during this review.



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2.7 Director, Membership Committee – Kiyoshi Dembo

Since I was in charge of chair, Membership Committee and New Immigrants issues, the first thing that I did was to review all related minutes of the committee from 2016. While summarizing the key points, I asked Ms. Eiko Eby, a former chair of the committee about the issues underlying the membership criteria of three categories. She conscientiously answered my questions and disclosed the evidence why NAJC had to freeze the acceptance of new membership application for the member organizations. I thanked to Eiko for her sincerity for smooth transition. With Mr. Takashi Ohki, former special advisor for Japanese New Immigrants I could establish our short-term goals for our Japanese translations.

Here is my concise report for 2019 to 2020.

1 Organizing a new membership committee:

Three current members were willingly to continue their term; Ms. Vivian Rygnestad, Vancouver, Ms. Tracey Suzuki, Winnipeg, and Ms. Naomi Katsumi, Ottawa. In addition, we welcomed a new member, Ms. Patricia Simpson, Hamilton with NEB's approval in April. Then we could have a first committee meeting on April 25. We met the requirement of having five committee members by recruiting one new member from the eastern area that the former committee set up in 2016.

2 Japanese translations of membership brochure and NAJC Web-site

Mr. Oki and I completed the 2017 July version, that Naomi made, in April and the newest version that NEB developed in May.

For Web-site translation, Mr. Ohki has completed all translation and I will finalize with minor changes by the next AGM in August. Then, we can move on to organize a translation team for NAJC monthly E-news.

3 Membership campaign

Vivian and Susanne are preparing for the Powell Street festival (PSF for short) by adding new activities such as BC redress and Copani to their popular activities.

Tracey ordered minimal number of NAJC goods and Kevin is ready to print some brochures for PSF & other summer festivals in different areas to raise awareness in our community, increase subscribers of our E-news, and recruit more new members to local member organizations within our current budget, \$2000.00!

4 Current number of our organization: 13 full membership organizations (2 organization are not eligible to vote at AGM due to late registration), 4 supporting organizations (1 organization is not eligible to vote at AGM due to late registration), and 14 individual members as of August 17, 2019. Registration due date was June 24, 2019.



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I hope with the cooperation of our committee, NEB, and all NAJC members, we will be able to introduce new criteria of our membership and expand NAJC to more regions in Canada.



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2.8 Director, Young Leaders Committee – Alex Miki

Chair: Alex Miki (Winnipeg) **Committee Members:** Bryan Tomlinson (Ottawa), Mana Murata (Vancouver), Carolyn Nakagawa (Vancouver), Kyla Fitzgerald (Victoria), Chad Pickerell (Calgary), Hana Ogasawara (Vernon/Gatineau), Ramses Miki-Hanson* (Saskatoon/Regina), Alex Okuda-Rayfuse* (Ottawa), Caitlin Morishita-Miki* (Toronto)

*new committee members

Summary of the Young Leaders Committee (YLC) 2018-2019:

Japanese Canadian Young Leaders (JCYL) had a chance to meet-face-to-face at the 2018 NAJC Annual General Meeting (AGM), held in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The Young Leaders (YL) led a panel on the final day of the conference, which focused on the future of the Japanese Canadian (JC) community, including intergenerational issues as well as the evolving JC identity. This panel was well received by all who attended and had the highest satisfaction rating of all the sessions held at the conference. The YLC held two YL-specific workshops, an event planning exercise and an open floor dialogue session which allowed YLs to share ideas for exciting future projects as well as current issues facing the JC community.

As there will be no JCYL conference in 2019, the YLC has subsidized two JCYL national ambassadors, Mr. Jun Cura-Bongolan (Toronto) and Mr. Ramses Miki-Hanson (Saskatoon), to attend the 20th Convention of the Association of Pan American Nikkei (COPANI) in San Francisco September 2019. I will also be co-moderating the youth workshop with Mr. Kota Mizutani, national youth chair of the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL), helping further strengthen the ties between the JC and the Japanese American young leaders.

Since being appointed as the Chair of the YLC on October 5th 2018, my priorities have been to encourage more face-to-face opportunities for JCYL to meet and connect with one another, as these interactions create lasting relationships that make our community stronger as a whole. Supporting YL-led initiatives through the Young Leaders Fund (YLF) as well as offering financial support to locally organized youth gatherings, such as *Ensoku* (“youth gathering”) in Vancouver and *Kessoku* (“youth retreat”) in Toronto, allows YLs to produce amazing projects and events. Increasing communication is also extremely important between the YLC and the wider JC community in order to showcase and highlight the hard



YLC members at *Ensoku*- Photo by Alex Miki

From left: Caitlin Morishita-Miki, Carolyn Nakagawa, Mana Murata, Alex Miki, Ramses Miki-Hanson, Alex Okuda-Rayfuse



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work that is being completed by YLs across Canada, and the important role we are playing both as current and future leaders in the JC community.

Projects and events completed or supported by the YLC since October 2018 are outlined below along with upcoming initiatives to be completed in the upcoming year.

Successful Outcomes:

Connecting YLs: Providing space for JCYL to engage one another nationally to create and maintain connections.

- Hosted online strawberry daifuku cooking class (Feb)
- Hosted online meetups for JCYL over Zoom (Oct, Jan, Mar)
- Upcoming: increasing social media presence*

Supporting YLs: Offering financial support to help fund YL-led initiatives and to help make events accessible to JC youth across a range of communities.

- Supported young artists at an art showcase at *Ensoku* in Vancouver
- Supported the creation of a family history map at *Kessoku* in Toronto
- Facilitated partial flight subsidies for three YLs from Eastern Canada to attend *Ensoku* in Vancouver
- Provided funding for youth-led projects through the YLF
- Upcoming: YLF recipients for 2019-2020 TBA*

Increasing communication: Improve communication between the YLC and the JC community.

- YLC updates posted through NAJC E-news
- Invited members of the NEB to sit in on YLC monthly meetings (on a rotational basis)
- Upcoming: Updating the YLC page on the NAJC Website*

Promoting YLs: Highlighting the amazing work done by the YLs in the JC community and celebrating YL successes.



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-JCYL National Ambassadors selected to represent the NAJC and JCYL at the 20th COPANI in San Francisco 2019

-Upcoming: Release of a year-end newsletter profiling YLs and YL initiatives in the JC community

As I continue my term as YLC Chair in the upcoming year, I would like to thank my amazing Committee, whose passion and hard work have helped us achieve and continue to work towards our goals for the JCYL. A special thank you to our previous chair Bryan Tomlinson, for all the work he has put into this Committee and for guiding me through the transition into this role.



The YLF recipients from 2018-2019: *Calder Tsuyuki Tomlinson* received \$1400 for his project, *Tea Ceremony for the Current Canada* (left). *Hannah Mariko Bell* received \$1400 for her theatre piece *Kansha: An exploration of cultural appreciation through dramatic process* (middle). *Davin Shikaze* received \$200 for his *Young Japanese Canadians Language Exchange* (right). Photos by Calder Tsuyuki Tomlinson, Hannah Mariko Bell and Davin Shikaze



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2.9 Past President and Nominations Committee – David Mitsui

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Although the current by-laws state that the Past President position is for a 2 year term, I have submitted by resignation to the NEB to be effective upon completion of one year as of the 2019 AGM in August. This is consistent with the previous Past President and also transitioning to the recommendation made by the Future Directions Team to eliminate the Past President position from the National Executive Board.

This past year I attended most NEB meetings with the exception of those when I was out of the country on vacation.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

In 2018, candidates were elected into all National Executive Board positions for a 2 year term, therefore, there are no elections anticipated for the 2019 AGM. As Chairperson for the Nominations Committee, no meeting were held or members elected.



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3. Committee Reports

3.1 Endowment Fund Committee Report – Lorene Oikawa, Chair

Endowment Fund Committee: Lorene Oikawa, President and Chair; Anri Simpson (Hamilton); Laura Uyenaka (Toronto); and Pat Yamada (Winnipeg).

In summary, the Committee received 13 applications including 2 for Sport, Education and Arts Development and 11 for Culture Development. The approved projects, the amount awarded, and the reasons for not supporting projects are provided below.

Type: CD or SEAD	Project Lead	Project Description	Funds Approved
SEAD	John Ota	A Place of Pride: Building the First JC Cultural Centre, Raymond Moriyama Architect Exhibit	\$2,500
CD	Paul Kariya	Gathering of Nikkeis, First Nations, and settlers in Ucluelet	\$850
CD	Village of New Denver	Kyowakai Book Project	\$5,000
CD	Wakana Takai-MacLean	Establishing an introduction to Kamishibai Program	\$1,000
CD	Kelowna Lake Country Japanese Culture Society	Startup of Kelowna Lake Country Japanese Culture Society	\$5,000
CD	Eiko Kawabe Brown	Production of “Home and Native Lands” short documentary shot at UBC and Toronto	\$5,000
CD	Chuck Tasaka	WWI Japanese Canadian soldiers’ memorial monument for 12 veterans and panel tribute to 3 Vancouver Asahi players	\$3,500
CD	Brian Smallshaw	Publish historical book “As If They Were the Enemy: The Dispossession of Japanese Canadians on Saltspring Island”	\$4,500
CD	Alejandro Yoshizawa	Production of a film about Mary Kitagawa	\$5,000

CD=\$29,850 SEAD = \$2,500 TOTAL = \$32,350

There were four applications that did not receive any funding. As the amount of funds available for distribution each year is limited to the investment returns of the National Association of Japanese Canadians.



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Endowment Funds, applications need to be prioritized by the Endowment Fund Committee and it is not possible to fund all applications received.

Other reasons for not funding applications include:

- Feasibility of project
- Insufficient benefit to the Japanese Canadian community
- Application better suited for a different type of funding ☐ Lack of relevance to Redress and the survival of the Japanese Canadian community



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3.2 Community Renewal Fund Committee Report – Art Miki, Chair

The mandate for the Community Renewal Fund (CRF) was adopted by a motion at the NAJC Annual General Meeting by National Council in Victoria, BC on September 26, 2015 to provide a one-time grant of

- \$24,000 maximum for NAJC Full Member organizations, and
- \$4000 maximum for NAJC Supporting Member organizations

beginning for the fiscal year 2016-2017. The grant was to cover the cost of capital projects, renovations, facility improvements, new or continuing programs, initiatives, events, and/or any related projects. Applications were made under the following categories:

- a) New Facility, Renovation or Building Improvement Project
- b) New or Continuing Programs Support

A Committee was established to develop the criteria for the use of the funds, assess the applications and approve the funding. The Committee monitored the projects and released the final award once the Final Report was accepted.

The list of projects and amounts awarded are attached. The following projects are still outstanding and must be completed with the final report in by March 31, 2020. These are: Greater Toronto Chapter of NAJC, Greater Vancouver JCCA, Hamilton Chapter, Japanese Canadian Association of Yukon, Victoria Nikkei Cultural Association and Ottawa Japanese Canadian Association. Details in attachment for 2019. Lakehead used part of the grant and Lethbridge chose not to apply.

Thanks to the members of the Committee over the past 4 years

Eiko Eby – 2015 to present

Dave Mitsui – 2015 to present

Loreen Oikawa – 2015-16

Sachiko Okuda – 2015-16

Patti Simpson – 2017 to present

George Uyeda – 2017- 18



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The funds were used to enhance centres in need of repairs and to support projects that increased the participation of youth and increased memberships. Thanks to Karina Uehara for her excellent role in processing the awards, keeping records of the expenditures and reporting to the Committee.



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3.3 BC Redress Steering Committee Report – Art Miki and Maryka Omatsu, Co-Chairs

The Ad Hoc BC Redress Steering Committee was created in March 2019 by the National Association of Japanese Canadians (NAJC) to conduct a comprehensive, Canada-wide community consultation with the aim of seeking consensus on the following question:

"What should the Government of British Columbia do to redress its history of racial discrimination and unjust actions that devastated the Japanese Canadian community?"

In March 2019, the following individuals were appointed to serve on the BC Redress Steering Committee (Steering Committee):

- Maryka Omatsu, Co-Chair, Vancouver/Toronto
- Art Miki, Co-Chair, Winnipeg
- Eiko Eby, NAJC National Executive Board Member, Nanaimo
- Judy Hanazawa, Vancouver
- Les Kojima, NAJC National Executive Board Member, Winnipeg
- Lynn Kobayashi, Toronto
- Kevin Okabe, NAJC Executive Director, Calgary

Since its formation, the Steering Committee has been hard at work, meeting almost every week and organizing all aspects of the consultations. To date, there have been fourteen physical (in person) consultations held (Victoria, Nanaimo, Vancouver, Burnaby, Kamloops, Vernon, Kelowna, New Denver, Edmonton, Calgary, Winnipeg, Hamilton, Toronto and Ottawa) along with four virtual (online) consultations. We would like to thank all of the organizations and individuals that have been involved in organizing these consultations over such a short period of time.

In addition, we are also accepting online submissions via email to ed@najc.ca or directly on our website at:

<http://najc.ca/wp/bc-redress-consultations-online-submission/>

We expect to close our consultations by August 31, 2019 and compile our report for submission to the BC Government by October 2019.



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4. Advisor and Other Reports

4.1 Executive Director – Kevin Okabe

The past year has been an extraordinary one for the National Association of Japanese Canadians (NAJC). Over the past few months, the NAJC has launched into a full community consultation process regarding BC Redress. I have been fortunate to have been able to attend several in-person consultations across British Columbia and Alberta. Aside from generating a tremendous amount of valuable feedback, these sessions allowed me to reconnect with many familiar faces and introduced me to a broad segment of our community.

I was most intrigued by the range of personal stories that were shared with me during the sessions. Each family that shared their stories provided a unique glimpse on how their families and communities were impacted by the actions of the Government back in the 1940's. For many, the emotions and pain from their experience are still strongly felt. For others, they identified how their families and communities were able to persevere, despite the hardships that were encountered. It will be these stories that will leave a lasting imprint on me.

In August, the NAJC will host its first virtual Annual General Meeting (AGM). On the heels of a number of successful Internet-based video-conferences, we hope that this transition to a virtual AGM will help cut operational costs for the NAJC while at the same time increase the accessibility of NAJC events to our members.

In September, we look forward to the return of COPANI to North America. This is the twentieth Pan-American Nikkei Association Conference and we expect a large contingent from Canada to go down and partake in several interesting workshops, comparing and contrasting experiences with our counterparts from the United States, Mexico and South America.

As the priority activities relating to BC Redress, COPANI and the 2019 AGM draw to a close, the NAJC will be in a position to present a revamped strategic plan, to guide the short and medium term direction of the organization over the coming years.

Finally, we look forward to the return of our National Conference in September 2020. We expect that the conference theme will revolve around increasing the capacity of the local organization so that it may respond to the diverse challenges and needs presented by our communities as we look ahead to the upcoming decade.

An organization such as the NAJC relies upon an army of volunteers in order to achieve its objectives. I first must thank the members of the National Executive Board for all of their volunteer time and efforts to further the objectives of the organization. There have been several long meetings, often stretching



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late into the night and we must acknowledge the personal sacrifices made by the Executive Members in the name of the NAJC.

Next, the work of the NAJC cannot be achieved without the efforts of the members of NAJC's various committees. All committee members need to be commended for their dedicated efforts in supporting the grassroots work of the NAJC. During the past year, the NAJC has also had to rely on the support of our member organizations and individuals and a great many volunteers. We must thank every one of the people that were involved, as they were critical to driving the success of our events and activities.

A special mention must be made about the work that John Greenaway has done in maintaining our website (www.najc.ca) and supporting our Enews distributions over the past year. With his assistance, we have been able to use our website as a means of keeping people up-to-date with latest developments.

Finally, I cannot say enough about the work being done by our part-time National Administrator, Karina Uehara in keeping track of everything and arranging for the smooth running of our national office. Her efforts really assist in keeping all of us focussed and the organization on-track!

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Okabe

Executive Director



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4.2 Canadian Race Relations Foundation – Art Miki, NAJC Representative

As a reminder, the CRRF was established as the result of the Japanese Canadian Redress Agreement on September 22, 1988. The Japanese Canadian community contributed \$12 million as a legacy for those Japanese Canadians who had passed away before the agreement and the government matched the amount to establish an endowment of \$24 million of which the interest would be used to fund the operation of the foundation.

Last year, Teresa Woo-Paw was appointed by the government as Chairperson replacing Albert Lo. Ms. Woo-Paw holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in social work from the University of Calgary and has dedicated her career to promoting active civic engagement and volunteerism, social inclusion, cross-cultural understanding and antidiscrimination awareness.

An active part of her community for 40 years, Ms. Woo-Paw founded seven organizations including the Asian Heritage Foundation, the ACCT Foundation, the Ethno-Cultural Council of Calgary (Action Dignity) and the Calgary Chinese Community Services Association as well as served on over 30 committees and boards at local, provincial and national levels. Her involvement in Calgary is well known to Kevin Okabe, NAJC Executive Director.

Ms. Woo-Paw is the first Trustee and Chair of the Calgary Board of Education of Asian Canadian descent (1995 to 1999) and the first female Member of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta and Cabinet Minister of Asian Canadian descent (2008-2015).

The past year has been a year of transition for the Board of the Canadian Race Relations Foundation. During the past 2 years there has been a complete turnover of Board members resulting in reviewing past practices and looking at new directions. The Canadian Race Relations Foundation (CRRF) is embarking on a strategic planning process for 2020 to 2023 with its Board of Directors. They have hired Toronto-based consulting firm HSC Vision Group (consultants Gary Sandor and Anu Radha Verma) to facilitate the strategic planning process. The focus is on understanding what people across Canada believe the role of the CRRF may be in the future, what directions a national organization focused on race relations and eliminating racism must consider, and to help us identify priorities for the next 3 years. Face to face meetings were held across the country as well as video conferencing. The NAJC NEB provided feedback.

The Board met on July 26 to receive feedback from the consultants and began the process of shaping its directions for the next three years. In November the Board will reassess past practices and develop new activities for the Board to move ahead. One of the feedbacks on CRRF is that they lack profile nationally and need to develop strategies that will enhance their image and work in race relations field across the country.



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The Board members are as follows:

- Teresa Woo-Paw – Calgary
- Balpreet Singh Boparai - Toronto
- Orlando Bowen – Toronto
- Alicia Dalmy – Toronto
- Moses Gashirabake – Montreal
- Cheryl May – Toronto
- Chiamake Mogo – Vancouver
- Emilie Nicolas – Montreal
- Anne-Marie Pham – Calgary
- Roy Pogorzelski – Lethbridge
- Art Miki – Winnipeg (NAJC Representative on the Board)

The Executive Director is Dr. Lillian Ma



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5. Member Organization Reports

5.1 Japanese Canadian Association of Yukon

Name of Organization	JCAY (Japanese Canadian Association of Yukon)
NAJC Membership Type	Member organization
Address	531 Grove Street, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 5J8
E-Mail Address	jcayukon@gmail.com
Website	http://info.jcayukon.org/intro-e.html
Social Media Handles (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter)	Facebook Japanese Canadian Association of Yukon
Phone Number(s)	867-393-2588
Fax Number(s)	867-393-2588
President or Contact Person	Yoko Oda, President

Note that the information reported above will appear in the NAJC Website under member organizations



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Report Completed by	Yoko Oda (President)	
Board of Directors (name and position)	Name:	Position:
	Yoko Oda Sachi Kambara Taeko Torigai Masumi Horiguchi Fumi Torigai Eri Morimoto Kaori Seya Eru Oikawa	President Vice President Secretary Treasurer Community Relations Advisor
Date of AGM	April 14, 2019	
Estimated Yearly Operating Budget	\$3,000 ~ \$5,000 (?) Plus various grants	



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Membership Structure (youth, individual, family, senior categories; total size; membership fee)	Type:		Fee:	Total Membership:	Groups Within Membership:
	Regular		\$10	120 (total)	
	Associate		\$5	31	
	Youth				
	Family		\$20	31	
	Seniors (age _60_ & over)			7?	
Newsletter Title:	Frequency:	Distribution:	Paid Advertising:	Digital Copy:	Hard Copy:
	As needed	via email			
Partnerships (if applicable)	Name of Partner		Reason For Partnership		
	n/a				
Other Nikkei Organizations in the Community (if applicable, list name of organization and its main purpose)	Name of Organization		Main Purpose		
	None				



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New Programs/Events/Initiatives:

Apr Legal workshop, AGM (April 28)

May Annual community clean up; JCAY LSC fundraising, Potluck and Discussion on Japanese Canadian History

Jun Canoe Party

Aug Salsa dance workshop, Japanese style BBQ

Sep Culture days: JCAY LSC fundraising

Oct Meeting Consul General Hatori, Consular service

Nov Undo-kai (Sports Day)

Japanese film festival “Her Love Boils Bathwater”

Celebrating Redress with Art Miki & Film “Facing Injustice”

Dec Mochi-tsuki Party

Jan New Year’s Party

Feb Consular service (February 19)

Japanese films festival “Close knit” (February 20)

Apr Third Japanese Village Festival: Mura-matsuri (April 7)



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Focus 2019-2020:

Provide updates on what local planning and actions have occurred since September 2018:

Focus	Actions	Timeline
Recruitment of New Members and Volunteers	Ongoing	
Resources		
Services and Programs	PlayCare for families with young children Japanese Language School for Children Japanese Conversation Classes	

Chapter/Association Priorities (excluding the above focus areas):

Better communication among members.

More participation by more members.

Increasing the level of members' knowledge and awareness of Japanese Canadian History and its relevance to our lives.



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How do you evaluate and monitor your organization?

☐ Surveys
 ☐ Focus Groups
 ☒ Committees
 ☒ Board Meetings
 ☐ Strategic Plan
 ☐ Special Forums/Conferences

Occasional members-only social events

Fund-raising activities: (list your successes)

Annual community litter-pick for the City of Whitehorse

JCAY LSC Bento(lunch) sale

JCAY LSC craft sale at the Mura-matsuri

Grants received :

New Canadians Event Fund of \$5,000 from Yukon Government for Mura-Matsuri and Celebration the Redress event

Assistance of \$225.31 from Japan Foundation/Consulate General for the Japanese Film Festivals

Received approval: NAJC CRF grant of \$22,141.98 (ongoing, report pending at completion)

QUESTION

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

B. Please list the top three priorities that the NAJC should focus on over the next two years.

C. Other:

Additional Comments: (if applicable)



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5.2 Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society

Name of Organization	Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society
NAJC Membership Type	Member Organization
Address	c/o 1200 Tolmie Ave, Victoria, BC, V8X2H9
E-Mail Address	info@VNCS.ca
Website	www.vnccs.ca
Social Media Handles (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter)	https://www.facebook.com/vnccs.ca/ https://twitter.com/victorianikkei
Phone Number(s)	c/o 250-384-2654
Fax Number(s)	Tsugio Kurushima
President or Contact Person	Tsugio Kurushima
Note that the information reported above will appear in the NAJC Website under member organizations	



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Report Completed by		
Board of Directors (name and position)	Name:	Position:
	Tsugio Kurushima, President	tsugukurushima@gmail.com
	Debbie Ibaraki, Vice-President	ibarakidebbie@gmail.com
	Ken Watai, Treasure	kwatai@shaw.ca
	Yukari Peerless, Director of Communications	yukaripeerless@gmail.com
	Amy Kawano, Director	amy.kawano6@gmail.com
	Kyla Fitzgerald, Director	kyla_fitzgerald@hotmail.com
	Karen Kobayashi, Director	kmkobay@uvic.ca
	Mieko Fedrau, Director	mieko.fedrau@gmail.com
	Craig Mercer, Director	craig@themercers.ca
	Lorin Goshinmon, Director	sherryandlorin@hotmail.com
	Bruce Yoshida*, Director	br5743@telus.net
	Scott McDonald*, Director	scottmcdonaldwork@gmail.com
	* new for 2019	



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Date of AGM	February 24, 2019				
Estimated Yearly Operating Budget	2018 \$35,000		2019 \$37,000		
Membership Structure (youth, individual, family, senior categories; total size; membership fee)	Type:	Fee:	Total Membership:	Groups Within Membership:	
	Regular - Individual	\$10.00	50		
	Family	\$15.00	60		
			Note: we estimate there are approx 220 individuals represented by 50 family memberships and 60 individual memberships.		
Newsletter	Frequency:	Distribution:	Paid Advertising:	Digital Copy:	Hard Copy:
Title: Victoria Nikkei Forum	Bi-monthly	Approx 200	Yes but minimal. Less than \$200 annually	Yes -We use Mailchimp	No.



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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	To be our vehicle for lobbying and speaking out on issues the Nikkei community such as human rights and racism. Access to NAJC grant programs
Other Nikkei Organizations in the Community (if applicable, list name of organization and its main purpose)	Name of Organization	Main Purpose
	Victoria Japanese Friendship Society (VJFS)	Shin ijusha group; hold many joint events with this group.
	Victoria Japanese Heritage Language School (VJHLS)	Japanese language school; hold many joint events with this group.
	Victoria Morioka Friendship Society (VMFS)	Strong sister city ties with Morioka; hold joint events with this group.
	Urasenke Tankokai Victoria Association (UTVA)	Japanese tea ceremony group



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New Programs/Events/Initiatives:

Our regular program and events are Mochi Tsuki Kai held jointly with VJFS & VJHLS, Nori Tori (nori gathering), tanabata (July), Obon ceremony, and our Annual Japanese Cultural Fair which is both a sharing of our Japanese Cultural heritage with the greater community and our major fund raiser. We support three cultural groups – ikebana, taiko and odori. In 2016 we started Japanese Conversational Language Classes which were well attended so we will hold them again. In 2017 we started a summer Japanese Festival called Japan Fest. We have a women's group called Sakura Fujinkai. We also provide a local grant program where we offer grants of up to \$500 for organizations or individuals to promote Japanese and Japanese-Canadian culture in the Greater Victoria area,

New programs, events & initiative or 2018-2019

- Held a 25th Anniversary Banquet with guest entertainer, Tetsuro Shigematsu.
- Japanese Gravestone Refurbishment Project to refurbished 88 gravestones of early Japanese immigrants buried in Ross Bay Cemetery. This projec involved a work party to remove and collect the gravestones and a followup work party to re-install the gravestones.
- Led a 6 month campaign to have the Township of Esquimalt build a multi-use complex which would commemorate the original Takata Teahouse and Garden in the Esquimalt Gorge Park.
- Led a campaign to have the City of Victoria reverse their decision to replace Japanese Cherry trees with native species.
- Advocated for the replacement of 39 Japanese Cherry Treein Beacon Hill Park that were removed because they were dyng. There Cherry trees were a donation from Japan.
- Conducted a BC Redress Community Consultation session.
- Raised our grant program limit to \$500 from \$350.



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Focus 2019-2020:

Provide updates on what local planning and actions have occurred since September 2018:

Focus	Actions	Timeline
25 th Anniversary Banquet	Completed; very successful	June 15, 2019
Japan Fest (2 nd annual)	Expand and improve promotion to increase visibility, turn out and fundraising.	July 27, 2019
Complete the gravestone project	Finish the re-installation of the 88 gravestones at Obon work party.	Aug 11, 2019
Continue our Takata Teahouse Camapaign.	Continue to lobby Mayor and Council of Esquimalt. Recruit other allies.	Sept-Oct 2019
Copani	Send 2 delegates	Sep 20-22, 2019
Japanese Cultural Fair	Increase turn out and increase revenue primarily through increased food sales and corporate sponsors.	Oct 26, 2019

Chapter/Association Priorities (excluding the above focus areas):

- Increase membership.
- Update and improve our Web site
- Recruit more volunteers including new Board members.
- Implement our post-secondary Scholarship



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How do you evaluate and monitor your organization?

☐ Surveys ☐ Focus Groups ☐ Committees ☐ Board Meetings ☐ Strategic Plan ☐ Special Forums/Conferences

Board Meetings

Fund-raising activities: (list your successes)

Japan Fest: Our 2nd Annual was held on Jul 27, 2019. We made a concerted effort to increase the visibility of this new event. The results were successful. We estimate we had a turnout of over 500 people. We raised close to \$1200 which was double the amount raised the first year.

Annual Japanese Cultural Fair. This will be our 20th year of holding this event (October 26, 2019). This is our prime fundraiser for the VNCS. Each year we have been able to increase revenue. For the past 2 years we generated \$12,000 at the event. Our goal is to increase the revenue through increased food sales and recruiting more Corporate sponsors.

Grants received:

NAJC Community Renewal Funds - \$6, 203. \$3,000 went towards our 25th Anniversary Banquet & \$3,203 towards Japanese Gravestone Refurbishment Project.

QUESTIONS

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

B. Please list the top three priorities that the NAJC should focus on over the next two years.

1. BC Redress
2. National Conference

C. Other:

Additional Comments: (if applicable)



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5.3 Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens Association

Name of Organization	Greater Vancouver Japanese Canadian Citizens' Association
NAJC Membership Type (member organization or associate member)	Member Organization
Address	249 – 6688 Southoaks Crescent, Burnaby, BC V5E 4M7
E-Mail Address	gvjcca@gmail.com
Website	Gvjcca.org
Social Media Handles (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter)	Facebook
Phone Number(s)	604 522 5222
Fax Number(s)	none
President or Contact Person	Judy Hanazawa



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Report Completed by	Judy Hanazawa	
Board of Directors (name and position)	Name:	Position:
	Judy Hanazawa	President
	April Shimizu	Vice President
	Larry Okada	Treasurer
	Evelyn Suzuki	Secretary
	Shag Ando	Director
	May Hamanishi	Director
	Wendy Matsubuchi	Director
	Camel Tanaka	Director
	Emiko Lashin (Kordyback)	Director
	Mana Murata	Director
	Lily Shinde	Director
	Liz Nunoda	Director
	Ron Nishimura	Director
Date of AGM	March 30, 2019	



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Estimated Yearly Operating Budget	165,000 for 2019			
Membership Structure (youth, individual, family, senior categories; total size; membership fee)	Type:	Fee:	Total Membership:	Groups Within Membership:
	Youth	30.00	Not known	
	Senior	30.00	Not known	
	Regular and subscription	40.00	Not known	
	Regular only	20.00	Not known	
	Regular, international with e-subscription	25.00	Not known	
	US Membership and subscription	80.00	Not known	
	International Membership			
	And subscription	135.00	Not known	
			Total estimated GVJCCA membership is 1100	



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Newsletter	Frequency:	Distribution:	Paid Advertising:	Digital Copy:	Hard Copy:
Title:	Bulletin-Geppo monthly	Distribution to paying members, distribution to paying organizations e.g. Toronto NAJC Free hardcopy distributions to JC organizations at community sites	Yes	yes	yes
Partnerships (if applicable)	Name of Partner		Reason For Partnership		
	Tonari Gumi		Agreement between TG and GVJCCA signed to 2023 regarding co-ownership of building at 42 West 8 th Avenue, Vancouver		
Other Nikkei Organizations in the Community (if applicable, list name of organization and its main purpose)	Name of Organization		Main Purpose		
	Tonari Gumi		Support Servicee for Japanese speaking and Japanese Canadian seniors and younger generation groups		
	Vancouver Japanese Language School				
	Nikkei National Museum and Cultural Centre		Community Centre for persons with Japanese ancestry and national Japanese Canadian museum		
	Powell Street Festival Society				



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New Programs/Events/Initiatives:

- Continuing collaboration with other organizations and individual community members regarding commemoration of Hastings Park (Japanese Canadian Hastings Park Committee,) as well as seeking historic significance designation from the Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada of Nitobe Memorial Garden (Nitobe Memorial Garden History Committee) and ongoing Right To Remain project to address/document uprooting (addressing the legacy of dispossession, uprooting in area history as in 1942 uprooting of Japanese Canadians) and need for safe housing for vulnerable residents in Powell Street/Strathcona district.,
- Developing a survey during 2018 in the Bulletin and addressing the qualifications of the GVJCCA President during special general meeting to review the GVJCCA Constitution in 2018 as well as during the AGM of March 30, 2019 – survey relates to the question “Should the GVJCCA president have Japanese ancestry?” As the matter of revising our by-laws on president qualifications remains unresolved, it will be revisited in a special general meeting prior to the 2020 GVJCCA AGM.
- Human Rights Committee activities: Chair Carmel Tanaka did primary organizing and collaboration with other community groups for Strathcona Walking Tours; HRC member Judy Hanazawa assisted with Black History Month for Richmond, BC, HRC and GVJCCA Board members are also associated with the Japanese Canadian Working Group which is addressing redress steps with the Anglican Church (apologized in 2015) regarding the clergy sexual abuse history of GG Nakayama in the Japanese Canadian Community
- Joint Letter written on February 10, 2019, from GVJCCA Board and Human Rights Committee to the NAJC Board, the BC Redress Advisory and the BC Redress Committee (Presidents of various BC based NAJC Chapter organizations) which outlined concerns and offered recommendations about NAJC’s steps to address meaningful redress for Japanese Canadians from the BC Government
- Annual events: May Asian heritage month, Annual Asahi Tribute Game, Surrey Fusion Festival (collaboration with NAJC, Japanese Consulate, Nikkei National Museum, Powell Street Festival Society), Nikkei Matsuri, Remembrance Day, hosting of New Year’s Keirokai for Seniors, Shinnenkai, GVJCCA Volunteer Appreciation event
- Initiatives: hosting a community consultation to obtain community recommendations regarding meaningful redress from the BC Government on April 24, 2019, assisting with the planning, organization and facilitation for NAJC sponsored BC Redress community consultation meetings in Burnaby on June 15, 2019 and Vancouver on July 5, 2019, hosting A Circle of Friends event to provide information and seek outside community support for Japanese Canadian Redress from the BC Government on June 23, 2019
- Summer student program projects included preparation for the GVJCCA annual salmon barbeque dinner and SPAM musubi sales at the Powell Street Festival, Preparation for the GVJCCA Community Booth which features updating of the Hastings Park Detainee Name list for community members to review during Powell Street Festival to see if family members are documented or to provide names of



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family members , as well as providing information about BC Redress, developing a BC Redress questionnaire for community members to complete during Powell Street Festival, completion of a name list report of GVIJCCA presidents for the Japanese Consulate upon their request, assisting with online promotion of the GVIJCCA Salmon Barbeque, etc. for community and sponsors and donors

- Special support from GVIJCCA to outside communities included attendance at Jamia Masjid Mosque re hate killings of Muslims in Christchurch, New Zealand, attendance of Holocaust Remembrance at BC Legislature on March 2, 2019
- April 25, 2019 Joint Special Visioning Session of the GVIJCCA Board and Human Rights Committee to review and establish:
 - Mutual knowledge of board and HRC roles and responsibilities, programs
 - Ensuring programming supports the GVIJCCA Constitutional Purposes
 - Establish ongoing and 5 year planning direction, of the GVIJCCA Board and Human Rights Committee

Focus 2019-2020:

Provide updates on what local planning and actions have occurred since September 2018:

Focus	Actions	Timeline
Please see previous section		



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Chapter/Association Priorities (excluding the above focus areas):

- Addressing and participating in NAJC organizational activity over 2019-2020 and 2021 to achieve a just redress from the government of BC for Japanese Canadians
- 2019/2020: Addressing/dialoguing and documenting intergenerational community and family issues, through working with other community representatives on providing an intergenerational gathering to share stories, address questions, identify concerns and support intergenerational well-being
- Addressing and resolving the question regarding qualifications of the GVIJCCA president – Should the GVIJCCA President (in representing an organization in the Japanese Canadian community) have Japanese ancestry?
- Developing additional fundraising strategies

How do you evaluate and monitor your organization?

☒ Surveys ☐ Focus Groups ☒ Committees ☒ Board Meetings ☐ Strategic Plan ☒ Special Forums/Conferences

Fund-raising activities: (list your successes)

Powell Street Festival GVIJCCA Salmon BBQ and SPAM Musubi sales

Sale of book Honouring Our People

Annual Tonari Gumi-GVIJCCA Golf Tournament

Grants received:

NAJC Community Renewal Grant for upgrading Computer equipment, software and programs; 5000

NAJC Community Renewal Grant to host a Redress Commemoration Luncheon, December 2018: 2500



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

1. How will the NAJC establish strong, open, consultative and outreaching relationship with JC communities, in BC and across Canada, including ensuring information sharing, effective communications, regarding the status and developments of the BC Redress Project.
2. How will the NAJC outreach effectively about BC Redress to Japanese Canadians who are not connected to chapter organizations
3. Can the NAJC host national gatherings on a regular basis with specific meaningful themes as a way to connect to the national community? For example, can the NAJC host a national intergenerational conference (as issues of intergenerational wellness and relations have been highlighted prior to and during redress consultations)
4. Regional and national conferences can provide a check in on the status and issues of Japanese Canadian communities, families. Perhaps the NAJC could host a national conference every 5 years. Sample themes may be about:
 - addressing intergenerational issues
 - addressing aging Nisei and Sansei needs
 - Being Japanese Canadian with bi-multi cultural, bi-multi racial roots
 - Relations between pre internment (Ijusha) Japanese Canadians.
 - Addressing issues and needs of LGBTQ2 Japanese Canadians
5. The JC Working Group still needs to connect to the NAJC regarding the post Anglican Church apology re GG Nakayama as the Church continues to wait regarding redress negotiations to address and reconcile effects of clergy sexual abuse in JC survivors, communities and families.
6. Can the NAJC establish stronger relations with Japanese Americans. Perhaps a conference between JC's and JA's can be organized through the NAJC. What are common issues and concerns



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D. Please list the top three priorities that the NAJC should focus on over the next two years.

1. Anything related to NAJC responsibilities about BC Redress is a priority. This includes outreach work with disconnected Japanese Canadians
2. Determining ways to have an effective connection to local organizations and communities. The NAJC is not strongly visible in and active with local communities. Hosting meaningful national gatherings which bring the national community together, may be a good way to build concrete ties and have a clear identity (beyond being a grant provider) and relationship with local organizations and community members. Across Canada Japanese Canadians are not a large population, so efforts to bring the national community together regarding common issues or to learn about and from the experience of various communities, would be beneficial.
3. Intergenerational relations and well-being continues to be a significant issue

C. Other: The Community Renewal Grant program was very effective and beneficial and the GVIJCA thanks the NAJC for providing this program. Regarding chapter organizations who may be financially struggling, it would be good if a program like the community renewal program could continue to be available.

Additional Comments: (if applicable)

Thank you.



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5.4 Kamloops Japanese Canadian Association

Name of Organization	Kamloops Japanese Canadian Association
NAJC Membership Type	Full membership
Address	160 Vernon Ave, Kamloops, BC, V2B 1L6
E-Mail Address	Kjca@telus.net
Website	www.kjca.ca
Social Media Handles (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter)	https://www.facebook.com/KJCA-369838826462057/
Phone Number(s)	250-376-9629
Fax Number(s)	
President or Contact Person	George Uyeda (Cultural Center Coordinator)
Note that the information reported above will appear in the NAJC Website under member organizations	



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Report Completed by	George Uyeda	
Board of Directors (name and position)	Name:	Position:
	Tim Araki	President
	Morgan Elander	Vice President
	Donna Tabata	Treasurer
	Brenda Sawada	Secretary
	Yasko Todd	Director
	Nicola Tabata	Director
	Willy Takeshita	Director
	Wendy Reddeman	Director
	Mayumi Paravantes	Director
	Mary Ann Mochizuki	Director
	Anne Niiro	Director
	Lance Yamada	Director
	Dana Turner	Director
Date of AGM	2 nd Thursday in January	



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Estimated Yearly Operating Budget	2018-19: \$ 75,000			2019-20: \$ 80,000		
Membership Structure (youth, individual, family, senior categories; total size; membership fee)	Type:		Fee:	Total Membership:		Groups Within Membership:
	Regular		\$ 15			
	Youth (age 19 & over)		\$ 10			
	Family (includes children 1-18)		\$ 25			
	Seniors (age 65 & over)		\$ 10			
	Senior couple (age 65 & over)		\$ 15			
Newsletter	Frequency:	Distribution:	Paid Advertising:	Digital Copy:	Hard Copy:	
Title:	Monthly	Email Hard copy	Yes	190	100	
Partnerships (if applicable)	Name of Partner		Reason For Partnership			
	KJCA has partnership with Kamloops Multicultural Society					
	City of Kamloops					
	Uji City, Japan (Sister City)					



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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
	Kamloops Buddhist Church	
New Programs/Events/Initiatives: Summer Festival for the Children Japanese Language School for Youth and Adults		

Focus 2019-2020:

Provide updates on what local planning and actions have occurred since September 2018:

Focus	Actions	Timeline
Young Leaders Initiatives		
Recruitment of New Members and Volunteers	Tried to recruit more new Japanese Canadians Tried to get more Youth involvement	
Resources		
Services and Programs		



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Chapter/Association Priorities (excluding the above focus areas):

Trying to have the NAJC National involved/engaged with the smaller centers. (ie. Kamloops)

How do you evaluate and monitor your organization?

☐ Surveys ✓ Focus Groups ✓ Committees ✓ Board Meetings ✓ Strategic Plan ✓ Special Forums/Conferences

Fund-raising activities: (list your successes)

- 1) Membership
- 2) General donations
- 3) Donations in memory
- 4) Things Japanese sale
- 5) Fun casino
- 6) Monthly udon & sushi sales
- 7) Folkfest
- 8) Monthly CN lunches
- 9) Sale of books & KJCA cookbooks
- 10) Center rentals
- 11) Rummage sale
- 12) KJCA craft sale
- 13) Till tapes rebate \$600
- 14) Catering: a) yearly senior Christmas hockey banquet, b) 3 other lunch/catering
- 15) Sushi workshop
- 16) Ikebana workshop
- 17) Mochi tasting
- 18) Manju workshop



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Grants received:
QUESTIONS
E. Questions your Organization has for The NAJC/NEB: The KJCA would like to see the NAJC be more visible and transparent
F. Please list the top three priorities that the NAJC should focus on over the next two years. Bring back the liaison system someone from the National come to Kamloops and discuss how to improve our center
C. Other: Can the NAJC cover expenses to come to Kamloops and sell the NAJC? Our board is news, younger and do not have no one from the past to inform the history of NAJC and what is expected from the new board. Kamloops is losing touch with the NAJC

Additional Comments: (if applicable)



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5.5 OUTSTANDING Vernon Japanese Cultural Society



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5.6 Edmonton Japanese Community Association

Name of Organization	Edmonton Japanese Community Association
NAJC Membership Type (member organization or associate member)	Member organization
Address	6750 88 St. Edmonton, AB T6E 5H6
E-Mail Address	office@ejca.ca
Website	www.ejca.org
Social Media Handles (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter)	https://www.facebook.com/EdmontonJapanese/
Phone Number(s)	780-466-8166
Fax Number(s)	N/A
President or Contact Person	Sanae Ohki
Note that the information reported above will appear in the NAJC Website under member organizations	



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Report Completed by		
Board of Directors (name and position)	Name:	Position:
	Sanae Ohki	President
	Tamara Sutherland	Vice President
	Omar Amer	Secretary
	Lyn Rafferty	Treasurer
	Julie Rossignol	Director
	Jim Hoyano	Director
	John Priegert	Director
	Yukiko Nagakura	Director
Date of AGM	October 14, 2018	
Estimated Yearly Operating Budget	2019 Income \$80,000 Expenses \$75,000 Net Income \$5,000	



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	Family		\$35	132	424
	Single		\$20	164	164
	Senior Family		0	47	94
	Senior Single		0	75	75
	One senior and one non-senior		\$20	12	24
	Total			430	781
Newsletter Title: Moshi Moshi	Frequency:	Distribution:	Paid Advertising:	Digital Copy:	Hard Copy:
	Bi-monthly	Members	Yes but not many, average 8/edition	400? Open to public	150
Partnerships (if applicable)	Name of Partner		Reason For Partnership		
	Argyll Community League		Cooperation for the facility Management		
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		Japanese Language education to kindergarten to grade 9 level		
	Edmonton Japanese Christian Church		Church		



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New Programs/Events/Initiatives:

- Approval of the updated Bylaws – approved at the 2018 AGM
It is being registered at the Province of Alberta
- Documentation and approval of policies and procedures
- Intensive Japanese Language class for Teens – summer
- Lectures in Japanese (Nihongo Salon program)

Focus 2019-2020:

Provide updates on what local planning and actions have occurred since September 2018:

Focus	Actions	Timeline
Provide programs for Japanese speaking members	Under a program “Nihongo Salon”, held 5 events including information sessions and bazaars	
Encourage young Canadians to learn about Japan and Japanese Language	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held “Japanese language for teens”, “Teens Summer Camp” and “Kids Summer Camp” • Continued Japan Today program (2,100 Junior high school students attended) and Explore Japan program (200 high school students attended) 	
Natsu Matsuri (Summer Festival)	Held on July 13, 2019 with over 1,000 people attended	
Heritage Festival	Held on August 3, 4, 5, 2019	



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<p>Chapter/Association Priorities (excluding the above focus areas):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of new technologies for document maintenance
<p>How do you evaluate and monitor your organization?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surveys <input type="checkbox"/> Focus Groups <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Committees <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Board Meetings <input type="checkbox"/> Strategic Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Special Forums/Conferences</p>
<p>Fund-raising activities: (list your successes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heritage Festival (\$6000) • Bazaar (\$6000) • Casino (\$75,000 every other year)
<p>Grants received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Japan Foundation, \$957 for children's books in the library • Japan Foundation, \$1,600 for Teens Summer Camp
<p>QUESTIONS</p>
<p>G. Questions your Organization has for The NAJC/NEB:</p> <p>NAJC had a survey to all member organizations in March 2018.</p> <p>What is your plan to use the survey results to set the NAJC's future direction?</p> <p>Has any plan achieved?</p>



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H.	Please list the top three priorities that the NAJC should focus on over the next two years. More NAJC memberships of groups who have Japanese culture activities. More NAJC memberships of groups who have Japanese speaking new immigrants. Review of NAJC individual membership
C.	Other: EJCA agreed to host the 2020 AGM in Edmonton. Our association is relatively small and requires assistance from NAJC for a successful operation of particularly the conference programs.

Additional Comments: (if applicable)



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5.7 Calgary Japanese Community Association

Name of Organization	Calgary Japanese Community Association
NAJC Membership Type	member organization
Address	2236 29 Street SW Calgary AB T3E 2K2
E-Mail Address	cjcamain@shaw.ca
Website	https://www.calgaryjca.com
Social Media Handles (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter)	
Phone Number(s)	403 242-4143
Fax Number(s)	
President or Contact Person	Roger Teshima
Note that the information reported above will appear in the NAJC Website under member organizations	



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Report Completed by	Roger Teshima	
Board of Directors (name and position)	Name:	Position:
	Roger Teshima Maureen Coleman Fong Louie Shirley Shigematsu Tomo Honda Ben Lim Wendy Nagata Mahtoy Ken Richardson Harvey Tanaka	President Vice-President Secretary Treasurer
Date of AGM	April 28, 2019	
Estimated Yearly Operating Budget	Revenue: \$332,000 A one-time special Alberta grant of \$42,000 and a donation of \$50,000 has added significantly to our revenue for 2019. Revenue from a casino in September also adds to the estimated revenue.	Estimated Expenditures: \$208,000



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Membership Structure (youth, individual, family, senior categories; total size; membership fee)	Type:		Fee:	Total Membership:	Groups Within Membership:
	Individual		\$15	500	
	Family		\$30		
	Senior (age 80 & over)		Optional	(37)	
Newsletter Title: CJCA Newsletter *new 'monthly' publication will begin in October	Frequency:	Distribution:	Paid Advertising:	Digital Copy:	Hard Copy:
	previously a quarterly	distributed to all members and others in the city	yes	475	100
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		
	Kotobuki Kai		• organizes social gathering and events for seniors		
	Kaede No Kai		• organization focuses on performing traditional Japanese dance		
	New Japanese Canadian Association		• organizes activities and events for our more recent immigrants from Japan		



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New Programs/Events/Initiatives:

This past year, we held two film events: one specifically targeting our seniors' group and the other was a dinner and a movie event that drew a wider audience. We also organized a special entertainment evening featuring Tim Tamashiro, a former CBC personality and radio host.

Since our AGM at the end of April, our 'new' Board have discussed ways in which we can give greater financial support to our existing cultural programs as well as raising their profile in our community. This fall, we will begin a Japanese Cooking Class featuring guest chefs from some of the Japanese establishments in our city. Plans are being formulated to create a Japanese Film Series, beginning with some recent films that have come out of Japan

Focus 2019-2020:

Provide updates on what local planning and actions have occurred since September 2018:

Focus	Actions	Timeline
Building closer ties between the 'established' Japanese Canadians and the more recent immigrants from Japan	We have already met with some executive members of the new immigrant group to talk about options going forward	- will continue to meet and discuss over the next year
Chapter/Association Priorities (excluding the above focus areas):		
We have an aging membership who find it more challenging to participate in our community events and can begin to lose their connection to our community. We need to tackle this issue by attempting to find ways to keep the connection alive.		
How do you evaluate and monitor your organization?		



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<input type="checkbox"/> Surveys <input type="checkbox"/> Focus Groups <input type="checkbox"/> Committees <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Board Meetings <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strategic Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Special Forums/Conferences
Fund-raising activities: (list your successes) • annual Omatsuri held in August; the one-day festival attracted 5000 attendees
Grants received: Alberta Government grant of \$41, 818 for the upgrading of our kitchen facilities
QUESTIONS
A. Questions your Organization has for The NAJC/NEB:
B. Please list the top three priorities that the NAJC should focus on over the next two years.
C. Other:

Additional Comments: (if applicable)



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5.8 Nikkei Cultural Society of Lethbridge & Area

Name of Organization	Nikkei Cultural Society of Lethbridge and Area
NAJC Membership Type (member organization or associate member)	Member Organization
Address	P.O.Box 721, Lethbridge Alberta T1J 3Z6
E-Mail Address	ncslethbridgeinfo@gmail.com
Website	Redesign in progress
Social Media Handles (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter)	In progress
Phone Number(s)	
Fax Number(s)	
President or Contact Person	Deanna Oye, President
Note that the information reported above will appear in the NAJC Website under member organizations	



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Report Completed by	David Tanaka	
Board of Directors (name and position)	Name:	Position:
	Deanna Oye	President
	Tim Koba	Treasurer
	Joyce Adachi	Secretary
	David Tanaka	Past President
	Diane Minamide	Director
	Kynan Gordon	Director
	Mack Shimbashi	Director
	Donna Sato	Director
	Tomoko Greenshields	Director
Date of AGM	March 24, 2019	
Estimated Yearly Operating Budget	\$10,000	



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Membership Structure (youth, individual, family, senior categories; total size; membership fee)	Type:		Fee:	Total Membership:	Groups Within Membership:
	Single		\$10	30	
	Family		\$20	25	
Newsletter Title: NCS Bulletin	Frequency:	Distribution:	Paid Advertising:	Digital Copy:	Hard Copy:
	Quarterly	E-mail with limited print copies	no	yes	Yes
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		
	Bunka Society		Instruct and demonstrate classical Japanese arts and crafts		
	Okinawa Cultural Society		Focused on history of Okinawans in Southern Alberta		
	Lethbridge Japanese Garden Society		Non-profit governing body of Nikka Yuko Japanese Garden		



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New Programs/Events/Initiatives:

With a new president at the helm and many new board members for 2019-2020, NCS is undertaking a major re-evaluation of its programs and activities. Some of the topics that have been identified for discussion are listed below in Association Priorities.

Focus 2019-2020:

Provide updates on what local planning and actions have occurred since September 2018:

Focus	Actions	Timeline
Online Presence	Online Development committee struck. Website redesign: preliminary discussions underway on 1. focus of website 2. content areas to be developed 3. identifying target audience. Other Social Media being explored	Conceptual design issues through 2019, website development in 2020
Increase visibility and membership	Brochures redesigned; display tables set up for Asian Heritage event and Bon Odori Festival	Ongoing



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Chapter/Association Priorities (excluding the above focus areas):

1. the nature of NCS's relationship with contemporary Japan (e.g., relations with the Consul General's office);
2. NCS's role with other local associations such as the Southern Alberta Ethnic Association and the Nikka Yuko Japanese Garden and with national associations with common objectives;
3. Succession planning for aging members who have played key roles in NCS;
4. Development of Japanese content including Japanese language classes, classical and contemporary arts and crafts

How do you evaluate and monitor your organization?

☐ Surveys ☐ Focus Groups ☐ Committees ☒ Board Meetings ☒ Strategic Plan ☐ Special Forums/Conferences

Fund-raising activities: (list your successes)

none until 2020

Grants received:

QUESTIONS

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

B. Please list the top three priorities that the NAJC should focus on over the next two years.

C. Other:

Additional Comments: (if applicable)



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5.9 Japanese Cultural Association of Manitoba (formerly MJCCA)

Name of Organization	Japanese Canadian Association of Manitoba (JCAM)
NAJC Membership Type	Member organization
Address	180 McPhillips Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3E 2J9
E-Mail Address	m.jccc@shaw.ca
Website	Jcamwpg.ca
Social Media Handles (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter)	Instagram- jcamincofficial FB- jcam.inc.org Twitter- WpgJCAM
Phone Number(s)	204.7745909
Fax Number(s)	204.7756029
President or Contact Person	Ken Teramura
Note that the information reported above will appear in the NAJC Website under member organizations	



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Board of Directors (name and position)	Name:	Position:
	Ken Teramura	President
	Debra Takeuchi	Vice-President
	Les Kojima	Treasurer
	James Sinnock	Secretary
	Art Miki	Past President
	Yuhito Adachi	Director
	Miyuki Cumming	Director
	Sara Ebata	Director
	Kelly Kaita	Director
	Lisa Kaita	Director
	Henry Kojima	Director
	Joy Letkemann	Director
	Grant Voakes	Director
	Danica Mueller	Youth Advisor



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	Brian Truong	Youth Advisor			
Date of AGM	October 20, 2019				
Estimated Yearly Operating Budget	\$225,000				
Membership Structure (youth, individual, family, senior categories; total size; membership fee)	Type:	Fee:	Total Membership:	Groups Within Membership:	
	Individual	\$20			
	Family	\$30			
Newsletter	Frequency:	Distribution:	Paid Advertising:	Digital Copy:	Hard Copy:
Title: Outlook	Monthly	All paid members English / Japanese	None	Yes	Yes
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		
	NAJC		Human Rights		



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New Programs/Events/Initiatives:

Obon Odori
Shichigosan
Ladies Night In

Focus 2019-2020:

Provide updates on what local planning and actions have occurred since September 2018:

Focus	Actions	Timeline
Website	Upgrade	June 30, 2019
Renovations	New office space	Aug. 30, 2019
Corporate sponsorship	80% of goal achieved- \$43k raised	Sept. 30th

Chapter/Association Priorities (excluding the above focus areas):

Heritage Education Centre
Young Leader activities
Closer relationship with Newcomers
Copani 2019



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<p>How do you evaluate and monitor your organization?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Surveys <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Focus Groups <input type="checkbox"/> Committees <input type="checkbox"/> Board Meetings <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strategic Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Special Forums/Conferences</p>
<p>Fund-raising activities: (list your successes)</p> <p>Annual gala dinner, donburi and ramen lunches</p>
<p>Grants received:</p> <p>Donations from Frank Hori Foundation \$20,000 and Seva International \$15,000</p>
<p>QUESTIONS</p>
<p>A. Questions your Organization has for The NAJC/NEB:</p>
<p>B. Please list the top three priorities that the NAJC should focus on over the next two years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reducing expenses / increasing corporate sponsorships - Submit White Paper discussion papers to Ottawa - More involvement of Young Leaders in to NAJC priority focus areas
<p>C. Other:</p>

Additional Comments: (if applicable)



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5.10 Lakehead Japanese Cultural Association

Name of Organization	Lakehead Japanese Cultural Association
NAJC Membership Type (member organization or associate member)	Member Organization
Address	C/O 915 Edward St. S, Thunder Bay Ont. P7E 6R2
E-Mail Address	
Website	
Social Media Handles (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter)	Lakehead Japanese Cultural Association
Phone Number(s)	T. Tsubouchi home 807 622 7517 cell 807 472 8681
Fax Number(s)	
President or Contact Person	Terry Tsubouchi
Note that the information reported above will appear in the NAJC Website under member organizations	



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Report Completed by		
Board of Directors (name and position)	Name:	Position:
	Terry Tsubouchi	President
	Jim Squier	Vice-president
	Wayne Seller	Treasurer
	Cameo Sameshima	Secretary
	Doug Eddington	Director
	Madison Sameshima	Director
	Akio Brayshaw	Director
	Geraldine Vignuda	Director
Date of AGM	January 26 2019	
Estimated Yearly Operating Budget	\$3000.00	



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Membership Structure (youth, individual, family, senior categories; total size; membership fee)	Type:		Fee:	Total Membership:	Groups Within Membership:
	Family		\$35.00	20	
	Single		\$20.00	8	
	Senior family		\$15.00	16	
	Senior single (60+)		\$10.00	18	
	Youth (under 21)		\$10.00	0	
Newsletter	Frequency:	Distribution:	Paid Advertising:	Digital Copy:	Hard Copy:
Title:	Quarterly		None		
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		



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New Programs/Events/Initiatives:

Keiro Kai celebration honouring our pioneers of the L.J.C.A

Attending a luncheon with the Consul-General of Japan in Toronto visiting Thunder Bay

Being more active in the Sister City program in Thunder Bay and Gifu Japan

Focus 2019-2020:

Provide updates on what local planning and actions have occurred since September 2018:

Focus	Actions	Timeline
What can the L.J.C.A do to attract new members and retain current members	Develop survey for our members and other Japanese residents	Deadline September

Chapter/Association Priorities (excluding the above focus areas):

Finding an official translator

How do you evaluate and monitor your organization?

☒ Surveys ☐ Focus Groups ☒ Committees ☒ Board Meetings ☐ Strategic Plan ☐ Special Forums/Conferences



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Fund-raising activities: (list your successes) Food booth at the West Thunder Community Center Canada day celebration
Grants received: N.A.J.C grant
QUESTIONS
A. Questions your Organization has for The NAJC/NEB:
B. Please list the top three priorities that the NAJC should focus on over the next two years. a. Sustaining member organizations with additional funding when needed b. Continued education of Japanese Canadian's internment c. Continued support of human rights issues
C. Other

Additional Comments: (if applicable)



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5.11 Greater Toronto Chapter of the NAJC

Name of Organization: Greater Toronto Chapter of the National Association of Japanese Canadians
(TorontoNAJC)

NAJC Membership Type: Member Organization

Address: Front Desk, 6 Garamond Court, Toronto, ON, M 3C 1Z5

E-Mail Address: torontonajc@gmail.com

Website: www.torontonajc.ca

Social Media Handles: <https://www.facebook.com/torontonajc/>

(Instagram, Facebook, @torontonajc (Instagram)

Twitter)

Phone Number(s): 647-932-1296

Fax Number(s): no fax

Contact Person: Lynn Deutscher Kobayashi, President 2019,
Alternate contact Ron Shimizu, Secretary 2019



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Report Completed by:	Ron Shimizu and ExComm Members
Board of Directors/	Lynn Deutscher Kobayashi - President
Executive Committee	Kim Uyede-Kai – Vice President
	Randy Sakauye – Treasurer
	Ron Shimizu – Secretary
	Janet Sakauye – Membership Coordinator
	Mika Fukuma – Director
	Yosh Inouye – Director
	Toku Suyama – Director
	Michelle Walters – Director
Date of AGM:	January 21, 2020 (Tentative)

Estimated Annual

Operating Budget: **\$60,500.00***

* this amount includes a special pledge made to Momiji Health Care
to contribute \$20,000/year for 2019,2020, 2021.

Society



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Membership

Type	Fee	Total Members	Groups Within
Regular	\$40.00 (with Bulletin)	33	
Senior	\$30.00 (with Bulletin)	149	
E- Membership	\$20.00 (pdf Bulletin)	19	
Member (no Bulletin)	\$20.00	2	
		203	

Newsletter

Title: TorontoNAJC Membership Renewal Letter and 2018 Report

Frequency	Distribution	Paid Advertising	Digital Copy	Hard Copy
Monthly Update on Chapter Events in The Bulletin and posted on website.	Membership	No	On Website and Social Media	See above



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Partnerships

Name of Partner: Momiji Health Care Society Provides meeting space for Chapter meetings.

Other Nikkei Organizations in the Community:
(scanned pdf)

See Attached List of JCNO organizations

New Programs Events and Initiatives

C. Upgrade Chapter's Management Infrastructure

Implement a Customer Relationship Management app named NEON to manage and integrate:

- I. Membership Relations
- II. Chapter Finances
- III. Event Planning & Execution
- IV. File Management
- V. Committee Management
- VI. Scheduling
- VII. Public Communications
- VIII. Partnerships

D. Established a Chapter Social Justice/Human Rights Committee which met in July 2019 and is assisting on organizing a special lecture by Professor Eric Adams of the University of Alberta Law Faculty on the contributions of the JC legal cases to the development of the Canadian constitution scheduled for October 7 at St Michaels College of the University of Toronto.

E. The Chapter established a Finance Committee which had an investment strategy developed by Financial Advisor and is in the process of setting of an investment account with a financial institution.



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- F. Chapter is undertaking a review its membership fee structure.
- G. TorontoNAJC celebrated the 70th Anniversary of Freedom Day on April 1, 2019 to commemorate the anniversary of the day JC's could vote and live in the "protected zone". The event was held at the Ted Rogers School of Management at Ryerson University. A quiz and presentation on JC enfranchisement was given by Lynn Deutscher Kobayashi, Dr. Damien Lee of Ryerson University spoke on enfranchisement issues in the Indigenous community and Dr. Pamela Sugiman was on hand to provide introductions and commentary on the film, Facing Injustice.

Chapter Events

1. A Gala Reception to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of Redress was held on November 8, 2018. The event sold out a month in advance and thanks to our sponsors, the Chapter did not incur any costs.
2. Lynn Deutscher Kobayashi attended a reception hosted by the Consul General of Japan to celebrate the Emperor's birthday.
3. Ron Shimizu and Lynn Deutscher Kobayashi attended events on December 10th, International Human Rights Day hosted by Social Justice Organizations.
4. Two BC Redress consultations were held, one on April 28th and June 9th and submitted summary reports of the sessions to the National Steering Committee on BC Redress Consultations. Reports were also posted on the Chapter website.
5. Chapter funded the extension of the Toronto run of the "Hasting Park" play to include four performances at the University of Toronto and two performances at Weston Secondary School.
6. All Board members attended the opening of the "Being Japanese Canadian" exhibit at the ROM.
7. Board members attended the opening of the Redefining Home Exhibit" A Story of Japanese Canadian Resettlement in Toronto - at Campbell House.
8. Chapter bought tickets for 15 Tashme survivors and to see the "Tashme Project". A special reception with playwrights/actors as special guests sold out two week prior to the event.
9. Lynn Deutscher Kobayashi attended an interfaith discussion about the increase of anti-Semitism at the *Friends Of Simon Wiesenthal Center For Holocaust Studies*.
10. TorontoNAJC hosted information Booths at the Haru Matsuri at the JCCC on March 2nd and 3rd and Natsu Matsuri on July 13th. Executive



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Committee members hosted the booths and provided information on the TorontoNAJC's activities, answered questions and took in new and renewed memberships.

11. Three female Board members attended the launch of the Asian Canadian Women's Alliance at the invitation of Lynn Deutscher Kobayashi, one of the founding members who was unable to attend.
12. Janet Sakauye attended a reception hosted by the Consul General of Japan for Asian Heritage Month.
13. Four TONAJC members attended the Strategic Planning Session of the Canadian Race Relation Foundation and one Board member attended the CRRF Reception to meet the new Board Chair.
14. Toronto NAJC Board members and Social Justice Committee members attended a panel discussion to celebrate the 70th Anniversary of Freedom Day, hosted by the Ministry of the Attorney General, the City of Toronto and the Justice Department.
15. Ron Shimizu represented the Chapter at the University of Toronto Convocation at which Mrs. Setsuko Thurlow received an Honourary doctorate for her lifelong work on behalf on International Coalition for the Abolishment of Nuclear Weapons. The chapter wrote a letter supporting her nomination for the honour.



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Focus on 2018-2019

Provide Updates on Local Planning Actions Held Since September 2018.

Focus	Actions	Time Lines
Upgrade Chapter Administration	Implement CRM-NEON	To Be Operational by Sept 2019
Established Working Committees	Social Justice established in January 2019 Finance Committee established in Spring 2019	Working on Eric Adams Lecture scheduled for Oct 7. Chapter Investment Strategy Adopted and Account Established
	Chapter Constitutional Committee Established	Will begin review and updating of chapter constitution in the fall
Increase membership by 20%	Enabled online membership payment.	

Chapter/Association Priorities (other than discussed above)

- Increase number of Board members
- Increase number of Yonsei members
- Increase Awareness of the Chapter and Active Membership for the Chapter



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How Do You Monitor and Evaluate Your Organization

- Monthly Board Meetings discuss results/outcomes of recently completed chapter activities.
- Feedback from members and non-members at our Information booths at community events.
- Feedback requested in our annual membership renewal letters.

Fundraising Activities

- Chapter receives donations from members during our annual membership renewal campaigns.
- Chapter has begun charging modest admission fees to selected chapter events through the use of Eventbrite and the use of the “Square” app.
- Chapter solicited sponsorships for Redress Gala.

Grants Received

Chapter received a Community Renewal Grant for Upgrading the Chapter Infrastructure in 2019

Questions

Questions Your Organization has for the National Executive Committee

TorontoNAJC respectfully requests the NAJC’s Constitutional Committee to review and amend the membership clause of the constitution to limit direct individual membership to the NAJC to those individuals who reside where a local chapter of the NAJC does not exist.

What topics Do You Recommend for Community Forums?

The above issue.



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5.12 Ottawa Japanese Community Association

Name of Organization	Ottawa Japanese Community Association
NAJC Membership Type (member organization or associate member)	NAJC Member Organization
Address	2285 St. Laurent Blvd., Unit B16, Ottawa, ON, K1G 4Z5
E-Mail Address	Ojca_ojcc@yahoo.ca
Website	http://www.ottawajapanesecommunity.ca
Social Media Handles (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter)	https://www.facebook.com/ojcaoicc https://twitter.com/ojca_ojcc
Phone Number(s)	613-731-7939
Fax Number(s)	613-731-1367
President or Contact Person	Melisa Kamibayashi-Staples (OJCApräsident@gmail.com / melisa_kami@yahoo.ca)
Note that the information reported above will appear in the NAJC Website under member organizations	



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Report Completed by	Melisa Kamibayashi-Staples	
Board of Directors (name and position)	Name:	Position:
	Melisa Kamibayashi-Staples	President / Building Committee chair
	Matt Miwa	Vice-President
	Allyn Takahashi	Treasurer / Membership coordinator
	Takashi Toyooka	Secretary
	Brian Yamashita	OJCC liaison
	Yumi Schoenhofer	Community Services chair
	Dr. Henry Shibata	Fundraising coordinator
	Alex Okuda-Rayfuse	Facebook coordinator / Young Leaders coordinator
		Past President
	Sachiko Okuda	Member at large
	Karen Shigeishi-Waite	Member at large
	Sumihisa Aota	Member at large
	Naomi Katsumi	Member at large
	Kaori Kanbayashi	



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Date of AGM	October 6, 2019				
Estimated Yearly Operating Budget	2018-2019 \$8,500		2019-2020 \$32,500		
Membership Structure	Type:	Fee:	Total Membership:	Groups Within Membership:	
(youth, individual, family, senior categories; total size; membership fee)	Family	\$30	69		
	Individual	\$25	45		
	Senior (up to 2 persons)	\$20	78		
	Student	\$15	2		
Newsletter	Frequency:	Distribution:	Paid Advertising:	Digital Copy:	Hard Copy:
Title: Ottawa News	Quarterly	Members	Annual fees Full page: \$100 Half page: \$50 Quarter page: \$25	Default	Upon request



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Partnerships (if applicable)	Name of Partner	Reason For Partnership
	<p>Ottawa Japanese Cultural Centre (OJCC)</p> <p>http://www.ottawajapanesecommunity.ca</p>	<p>The OJCA, established in 1976, shares a common membership with the OJCC, which was established post-Redress. Each organization has its own board.</p> <p>Thanks to J-C Redress Agreement funding for community development, coupled with generous contributions from individuals and much sweat equity, the Ottawa community was able to purchase a building and establish the OJCC in 1991.</p> <p>The OJCC is a community meeting space/event venue/rehearsal space. Primary users are the OJCA and Japanese-related clubs and groups (odori, tea ceremony, Japanese-language playgroup for pre- school children and their parents, crafts, cooking, Buddhist fellowship, Ottawa Japanese Language School summer program, Melody of Japan choir).</p> <p>The OJCC board is the hub for requests from the public for performers and cultural interpreters.</p>



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	<p>Embassy of Japan</p> <p>www.ca.emb-japan.go.jp</p>	<p>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 scholarships, awards, and exchange programs, and has an active cultural events program. The Embassy also administers the annual Japanese-Canadian Invitation Program, a 10-day, hosted visit to Japan, to support and enable networking with and amongst invited Nikkei who are making contributions to Canada and to Japan-Canada relations.</p>
	<p>Japanese Exchange and Teaching Alumni Association (JETAA)</p> <p>www.jetaaottawa.ca</p>	<p>The OJCA partners with JETAA Ottawa and the Embassy of Japan on an ad hoc basis, for activities and events that benefit from synergies, shared resources, and an expanded volunteer- and participant base.</p> <p>JETAA, the alumni association of the JET Programme, is a support network for former JET participants who resettle in Ottawa. JETAA organizes social and cultural events, and Japanese-language lessons for its members. JETAA also assists the Embassy of Japan in the annual pre-departure orientation of new JET participants, and organizes the annual Natsu Matsuri, a major outdoor</p>



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		public event that showcases Japanese arts, culture and business in Ottawa.
	Ottawa Asian Heritage Month Society (OAHMS) http://www.asianheritagemonth.net/	The OJCA/OJCC contributes to the OAHMS's public programming during Asian Heritage Month (May).
	Asian Hockey Classic (AHC) nkatsumi@gmail.com https://www.facebook.com/Ottawa-Asian-Hockey-Classic-530900923629647/	This partnership, initiated in 2015-2016, provides the OJCA with outreach and recruitment opportunities, and provides the AHC with access to the OJCA's volunteer base. The AHC is one of the cornerstone events of Ottawa Asian Heritage Month.
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	
	Canada-Japan Society of Ottawa (CJSO) www.cjsso-ottawa.com	CJSO is a not-for-profit group that organizes cultural and social events for its members.



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	<p>Carleton University Japanese Association (CUJA) www.cujapan.ca</p> <p>University of Ottawa Japanese Enthusiasts Language Learning Organization (JELLO) www.aelijello.wordpress.com</p>	CUJA and JELLO are the two local university-student organizations.
	<p>Contact Japan (Rogers Community TV 22) www.rogerstv.com/show?sid=2733&rid=4&lid=12</p>	Contact Japan is the Ottawa-based, monthly Japanese community TV show. For more than 30 years, Contact Japan has produced local programming about Japanese and Japanese-Canadian-related events, artists, businesses, and community members. Archived shows can be viewed on the Rogerstv website on a webpage dedicated to Contact Japan.
	<p>JOttawa www.jottawa.com</p>	JOttawa is a web-based platform for sharing information in Japanese about events and resources.
	<p>Oto-Wa Taiko and Dagaku www.otowataiko.ca</p>	Oto-Wa Taiko and Dagaku are, respectively, adult and children's taiko groups. They run workshops, teach instructional levels and support performance ensembles.
	<p>Ottawa Bonsai Society www.ottawabonsai.org</p>	The Ottawa Bonsai Society is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting interest and understanding in the art form of bonsai.



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	Ottawa Japanese Language School (OJLS) www.ojls.ca	OJLS is the community-based Japanese language school for children and adult learners.
	Ottawa Hoshuko www.ottawahoshuko.ca	Ottawa Hoshuko offers children's classes in Japanese and follows a Japanese curriculum.
	Melody of Japan Melodyofjapanchoir.ottawa@gmail.com	Melody of Japan is the Japanese women's choral group based in Ottawa.

New Programs/Events/Initiatives:

OJCA Receives Foreign Minister's Award

The OJCA will be receiving the Foreign Minister's Award in a ceremony by the Embassy of Japan with Her Imperial Highness Princess Takamado on August 26, 2019.

"The Foreign Minister's Commendations are awarded to individuals and groups with outstanding achievements in international fields, in order to acknowledge their contributions to the promotion of friendship between Japan and other countries and areas. The Commendations also aim to promote the understanding and support of the Japanese public for the activities of the recipients."

https://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press4e_002516.html



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Meeting with Prime Minister Abe

This past year Ambassador Ishikane and Embassy staff have taken a particular interest in developing greater collaboration with the OJCA and its membership. They have organized a series of targeted meetings, including a meeting with Prime Minister Abe to help inform the Prime Minister and his staff of the history and current situation of Japanese Canadians. These meetings are proving to truly be an effective way to ensure greater dialogue and understanding.

Japanese Community Activities Guide

After the success of the pilot project, we are continuing to produce the OJCA bilingual (English and Japanese) activities guide, a single, go-to resource for information about courses and workshops related to Japanese culture offered by different individuals and organizations. This guide fosters stronger ties with groups and individuals working to promote Japanese culture, and fosters relationships amongst ijusha, people interested in Japanese culture, and existing members of the local Japanese community. This is the initiative of OJCA's Young Leader's Coordinator and he is now on his 3rd edition that includes not only activities, but also promotes the OJCA, upcoming events and local businesses.

Building Task Force

The Task Force was created to research various options for the future of the Ottawa Japanese Cultural Centre, which is currently housed in an industrial condo complex in southeast Ottawa.

The final decision was taken by the membership in October 2018, to make steps to move by increasing membership and through fundraising initiatives. A Fundraising Committee has been formed along with a Building committee.



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Shikoku Island Series

OJCA collaborated with the Embassy of Japan, Ottawa Champions, and JETAA to host the Shikoku Island Series. During July 1 to 4, the community was able to showcase Japanese cheerleading and performers, including Dagaku. This was a great opportunity to promote the OJCA activities beyond the Japanese community as we were able to set up a display table in the entrance with interactive games that attracted children and families to learn more about us.

In addition, we took this opportunity to promote the Asahi Baseball team achievements by showing the Heritage Minute during game days and talking about the Canada Post commemorative Asahi Baseball stamp that was released in April.

OJCA Speakers' series

This occasional series was launched to provide an opportunity for community members to come together to be informed and inspired by individuals in our community who have a particular expertise or who have or have had very compelling careers.

We have continued this series with Judge Maryka Omatsu and a screening of Swimming Upstream at the OJCC.

We also held a talk by Brigadier General Steve Moritsugu, the highest ranking Japanese Canadian in the Armed Forces. This was a look back on his career, just before retirement. We also used this opportunity to hold this talk in a more centrally located area to do research on the viability of certain areas of town for a future more culturally located centre.

There is another talk in the works that will involve Ted Itani who is a humanitarian volunteering for the Red Cross on International missions. The aim is to target a younger audience with a focus on career development.



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Swimming Upstream – Judge Maryka Omatsu

OJCA co-hosted a screening of *Swimming Upstream* with Senators Marilou McPhedran, Lillian Eva Dyck, Yonah Martin, Victor Oh, Yuen Pau Woo, MP Jenny Kwan, Canada Japan Society of Ottawa, Federation of Asian Canadian Lawyers, Asian Law Students Society, County of Carleton Law Association Diversity Committee, and Ottawa Asian Heritage Month Society. The screening was followed by a conversation with the director Judge Maryka Omatsu and Jordan Stranger-Ross from *Landscapes of Injustice*.

BC Redress Consultations

OJCA hosted Lynn Kobayashi, representing the NAJC to lead the consultation on BC Redress.

CUAG Exhibition – Sites of Memory/Inheriting Redress

This has been a rewarding collaboration between the OJCA and the Carleton University Art Gallery (CUAG), which will run from September 15, 2019 to January 26, 2020. *Sites of Memory: Legacies of the Japanese Canadian Internment* features the work of three artists of Japanese Canadian ancestry: Norman Takeuchi (Ottawa), Emma Nishimura (Toronto) and Cindy Mochizuki (Vancouver). Their works collectively propose artmaking as a means of addressing the Canadian government's internment of Japanese Canadians during World War II.

Inheriting Redress brings together archival documents, memorabilia, photographs and other objects held by the Ottawa Japanese Community Association and individual community members who were active in the redress campaign in the 1980s. These objects illuminate a period of community activism and invite reflection on its legacy.

Oto-Wa Taiko will be collaborating with Bear Nation on a piece to be performed at the opening of this Exhibition.

Mochitsuki Expansion and Succession Planning

Mochitsuki is expanding each year and we have outgrown our current space for this event. We have made the decision to expand. In addition, those who have been leading and running this event are part of our aging community, so it is critical for us to build succession planning into this event to ensure future stability.



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Volunteer Recognition

We are planning an event to recognize and celebrate all of our dedicated volunteers. We would also like to take this opportunity to welcome new individuals who have expressed an interest in volunteering.

Japanese Language Gathering

Building on the success of the previous gathering of those who are Japanese speaking, we are planning another gathering.

Kimono Photo Shoot

Professional photo shoot of community members in kimono as a means to bring community members together by connecting with our traditional history while capturing a moment in time.

Focus 2019-2020:

Provide updates on what local planning and actions have occurred since September 2018:

Focus	Actions	Timeline
New Building Initiatives	Establishment of Fundraising and Building Committees	Ongoing
Improved Communications	Newsletter survey, Web development, Social media, Increase Video production capability.	By end of December



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Chapter/Association Priorities (excluding the above focus areas):

- Community renewal, including outreach and development of programs and services for youth (30 years and under) and for Japanese speakers, particularly those with young families
- Volunteer recruitment, in particular, for Japanese-language writers/translators

How do you evaluate and monitor your organization?

✓ Surveys ✓ Focus Groups ✓ Committees ✓ Board Meetings ☐ Strategic Plan ☐ Special Forums/Conferences

Fund-raising activities: (list your successes)

- Annual, traditional fund-raising events: Mochitsuki in December; Spring bazaar, Natsu Matsuri and food sale in April
- Bequests and donations

Grants received:

NAJC Community Renewal Fund - \$24,000 for various projects

NAJC Endowment Fund - \$1000 for Oto-Wa Taiko and Bear Nation collaboration and performance



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QUESTIONS	
I.	Questions your Organization has for The NAJC/NEB: How can the NAJC improve its communications with Member Organizations, to keep us informed on current actions and activities not only of the NAJC/NEB but of all Member Organizations? What can the NAJC do to be more of a network hub for meaningful national dialogue and collaboration? What actions are the NAJC undertaking to ensure the Race Relations Foundation is living up to its original mandate?
J.	Please list the top three priorities that the NAJC should focus on over the next two years. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Improved communications with Member Organizations- Supporting distribution of educational content related to Japanese-Canadian history (to teachers, schools and Japanese language schools)- Building of stronger support and networks for Japanese-Canadian arts, culture and business (creating resources, central information hub, awards, etc.), so Member Organizations can see greater benefits to remaining as members.
C.	Other:

Additional Comments: (if applicable)



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5.13 Hamilton Chapter NAJC

Name of Organization	Hamilton Chapter NAJC	
NAJC Membership Type (member organization or associate member)	member organization	
Address	Box A, 45 Hempstead Drive Hamilton, ON L8W 2Y6	
E-Mail Address	hamiltonnajc@gmail.com	
Website	https://hamiltonnajc.wordpress.com/	
Contact Person	Patricia Hirasawa Simpson	
Report Completed by	Patricia Hirasawa Simpson	
Board of Directors (name and position)	Name:	Position:
	Patricia Hirasawa Simpson	President
	Douglas Ikeda	Treasurer
	Anri Simpson	webmaster
	Marlene Frazer	CJCC liaison
	Takeshi Yano	picnic convenor, newsletter support
	Joyce Hirasawa (retired)	



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Date of AGM	February 17, 2019				
Estimated Yearly Operating Budget	\$ 1400.00 plus grant expenditures				
Membership Structure annual fee	Type:	Fee:	Total Membership:	Groups Within Membership:	
	regular/family	\$ 20.00			
	senior/family	\$ 10.00			
			membership drive is September		
Newsletter	Frequency:	Distribution:	Paid Advertising:	Digital Copy:	Hard Copy:
Title: Community News	quarterly		yes	published on website	50 copies
Partnerships (if applicable)	Name of Partner		Reason For Partnership		
	CJCC		annual picnic annual Keirokai		



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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
	CJCC	<u>martial arts</u> : Kawasaki Rendokan, Wado Ryu Karate, Hamilton Kendo, Hamilton Kyudo, Taichi, yoga, jiu jitsu, Aikido, Iaido <u>cultural</u> : ikebana, classes, Suzuran Odori <u>social</u> : euchre, Koyukai seniors, crafts, Go, Karaoke, zumba <u>religious</u> : Hamilton Buddhist Temple
	HJUC	religious services, Taisho exercises, quilting, Torigumi calligraphy, Hamilton Chapter Ikenobo, lunches
	Momiji Health care	monthly Japanese lunch program for seniors annual Tanabata festival at Macassa Lodge in conjunction with HJUC volunteers, NAJC volunteers

New Programs/Events/Initiatives: Mochi Cafe 2018 , Community Miso, photo project



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Focus 2019:

Community Forums were held in 2018/9 on the following areas. Provide updates on what local planning and actions have occurred:

Focus	Actions	Timeline
community contact list	Google forms questionnaire finalized contact list created	completed 2017
website creation	website created and updated regularly	complete 2017
website updated to paid version	funding for website is confirmed	ongoing
new promotional material required	new promotional material purchased	complete 2018
Mochi equipment	purchased	Dec. 2018
Chatham Kent memorial	financial support for memorial, members attended	September 2018
30th celebration gala	support for Toronto event, transport members to event	November 2018
new equipment for photo project	researching	December 2019
new audio equipment required	purchased	complete 2018
new projector required	purchased	complete 2019
LOI Symposium	successful symposium	November 2018
ROM exhibit Being Japanese Canadian	members attended opening night	January 2019



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B.C. Redress Community Consultation	Completed	May 2019
Community picnic	completed	July 2019

Chapter/Association Priorities (excluding the above focus areas):

fulfill grant and produce reports
 initiate photo project, miso project
 initiate community development forum
 continue to support community seniors through Keirokai, Tanabata, picnic
 Maintain volunteer base
 community picnic is a major ongoing focus
 Mochi Cafe on an annual basis
 book sales

How do you evaluate and monitor your organization?

- Surveys
- Committees
- Board Meetings
- Strategic Plan
- Special Forums



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Fund-raising activities: (list your successes) book sales Mochi Cafe bazaar donations picnic donations
Grants received: grant for symposium report completed 2018 part of community renewal completed community renewal: working on completing requirements
QUESTIONS
A. Questions your Organization has for The NAJC/NEB: How to connect with new Canadians who are married to Canadians in the community and may be isolated.
B. What topics do you recommend for Community Forums?
C. Other:

Additional Comments: (if applicable)

Maintaining volunteer base is the most difficult area for our chapter. We try to avoid date conflicts with other JC community groups and our members volunteer with other events as well.



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6 Supporting Member Organization Reports

6.1 Central Vancouver Island Japanese Canadian Cultural Society

Name of Organization	Central Vancouver Island Japanese Canadian Cultural Society (a.k.a. 7 Potatoes)
NAJC Membership Type	Supporting Member Organization
Address	5651 Finale Place, Nanaimo, B.C. V9V 1W2
E-Mail Address	nanaimo7potatoes@gmail.com
Website	http://www.sevenpotatoes.com/
Social Media Handles (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter)	https://www.facebook.com/7potatoes/?fref=ts
Phone Number(s)	250-756-0658 (H) 250-713-6099 (C)
Fax Number(s)	250-740-6463
President or Contact Person	Eiko Eby, President eikoeby@shaw.ca
Note that the information reported above will appear in the NAJC Website under member organizations	



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Report Completed by	Eiko Eby	
Board of Directors (name and position)	Name:	Position:
	Eiko Eby	President
	Keiko Limshue	Vice President
	Toshi Serjeant	Treasurer
	Maki McPhee	Secretary
	Toshi Yonehara	Director
	Robert Hewer	Director
Date of AGM	October 27 th , 2018	
Estimated Yearly Operating Budget	2018: \$4000	2019: \$4000



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Membership Structure (youth, individual, family, senior categories; total size; membership fee)	Type:		Fee:	Total Membership:	Groups Within Membership:
	Regular - Single		\$15	13	Ladies Circle
	Senior Couple		\$20	9	
	Couple		\$25	17	
	Family		\$35	27	
Newsletter Title: 7Ps	Frequency:	Distribution:	Paid Advertising:	Digital Copy:	Hard Copy:
	Every 3 months	By email	\$50/year	On website	To non-email members
Partnerships (if applicable)	Name of Partner		Reason For Partnership		
	Tamagawa Gakuen of Canada Society		Liaison to facilities and activities		
	Nanaimo Taiko Drumming		Liaison for funding and expertise		
Other Nikkei Organizations in the Community (if applicable, list name of organization and its main purpose)	Name of Organization		Main Purpose		
	N/A				



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New Programs/Events/Initiatives:

1. Nanaimo Taiko Drumming Association – still developing

Focus 2019-2020:

Provide updates on what local planning and actions have occurred since September 2018:

Focus	Actions	Timeline
Advertising	Seek more advertising dollars	1 year
Young Leaders Initiatives	Through website launch, social media, and word of mouth	ongoing
Recruitment of New Members and Volunteers	Through website launch, social media, and word of mouth	ongoing

Chapter/Association Priorities (excluding the above focus areas):

Continue offering social and cultural activities.

How do you evaluate and monitor your organization?

X Surveys ☐ **Focus Groups** ☐ **Committees** **X Board Meetings** ☐ **Strategic Plan** ☐ **Special Forums/Conferences**

- survey done annually at our Shinnekai but it is also available through our newsletter and website all year
- in addition, we have a feedback link on our website



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Fund-raising activities: (list your successes) Sponsors for the newsletter and the website
Grants received:
QUESTIONS
C. Questions your Organization has for The NAJC/NEB: Why are the Supporting Member Organizations not given subsidy or even partial subsidy to attend the AGM?
D. Please list the top three priorities that the NAJC should focus on over the next two years. Communications Outreach to local organizations
C. Other:

Additional Comments: (if applicable)



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6.2 Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre

Name of Organization	Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre
NAJC Membership Type	Supporting member
Address	6688 Southoaks Crescent, Burnaby BC V5E 4M7
E-Mail Address	skajiwara@nikkeiplace.org
Website	www.nikkeiplace.org
Social Media Handles (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter)	https://www.facebook.com/NNMCC https://twitter.com/nikkeimuse?lang=en https://www.instagram.com/explore/locations/238350396/nikkei-national-museum-cultural-centre/
Phone Number(s)	604.777.7000
Fax Number(s)	604.777.7001
President or Contact Person	Contact Person: Sherri Kajiwara, Director Curator, Nikkei National Museum
Note that the information reported above will appear in the NAJC Website under member organizations	



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Report Completed by					
Board of Directors	Name:		Position:		
(name and position)	See attached list				
Date of AGM	July 20, 2019				
Estimated Yearly Operating Budget	\$1.4M for entire centre, \$400K for the museum				
Membership Structure	Type:	Fee:	Total Membership:	Groups Within Membership:	
(youth, individual, family, senior categories; total size; membership fee)	Individual	\$38/yr			
	Senior (65+)	\$28/yr			
	Family (up to 2 adults/2 children)	\$50/yr			
	Registered non-profit	\$55/yr			
Newsletter	Frequency:	Distribution:	Paid Advertising:	Digital Copy:	Hard Copy:
Title: NNMCC E-News	Monthly	500			



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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

New Programs/Events/Initiatives:

Exhibit Nikkei 日系 July 2019 – July 2020

The term *Nikkei* originated in Japan during the Meiji imperial restoration, beginning in 1868, to identify Japanese immigrants and their descendants residing in foreign countries. Today, it is widely used within the Japanese diaspora worldwide but often requires explanation outside of Japan where the label is most relevant.

More than 25 individual and family stories, accompanied by rare and previously inaccessible personal belongings from the community, give evidence to lived experience of Nikkei in Canada. Discover unique stories of arrival, heroism in the face of racism, the resilience of community, and the experience of generations through the intersections of migration, racism, identity, and belonging.

The core exhibit promises, over time, to rotate through a repository of over 30,000 photographs, 35 metres of textual records, 500 oral history recordings, 100 film reels, and over 2500 artefacts and artworks, which continues to grow with the tireless efforts of our archive and collections team.

Community Awards + Fundraising Dinner

Celebrating the Vancouver Asahi Spirit of Strength and Resilience in Our Community
Saturday, October 12th, 2019 at Nikkei Centre · Proceeds support Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre



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Kizuna: Workshops

4th Saturday each month (some dates may vary) Morning session: 10am-12pm Afternoon session: 1pm-3pm \$20 per session (NNMCC members \$16)
Register at NNMCC info desk, or by phone at 604.777.7000. Learn to express yourself and connect with Japanese culture and language!

For full details of upcoming events please see <https://centre.nikkeiplace.org/upcoming-events/>

Focus 2019-2020:

Provide updates on what local planning and actions have occurred since September 2018:

Focus	Actions	Timeline

Chapter/Association Priorities (excluding the above focus areas):

How do you evaluate and monitor your organization?

☒ Surveys ☐ Focus Groups ☒ Committees ☒ Board Meetings ☒ Strategic Plan ☐ Special Forums/Conferences

Fund-raising activities: (list your successes)

Nikkei Matsuri and Community Awards Dinner are the NNMCC's major fundraising events.



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Grants received:

Includes BC Arts Council, BCGaming, BCMuseums Association, Canadian Heritage, Irving K Barber, Library and Archives Canada, SSHRC, Metro Vancouver, NAJC, YCW, Canada Summer Jobs,

QUESTIONS

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

Can the NAJC offer any sustaining support for Nikkei National Museum initiatives that benefit all member communities re preserving and sharing Japanese Canadian culture and heritage? We would love to offer more traveling exhibits, heritage banners, education kits, etc. but they all require funding and project funds are usually for one-off activities.

B. Please list the top three priorities that the NAJC should focus on over the next two years.

Sustainability

Better cross-Canada community communications

Support for community mental wellness

C. Other:

Ongoing youth initiatives

Additional Comments: (if applicable)



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6.3 Village of New Denver

Name of Organization	Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre (Village of New Denver)	
NAJC Membership Type	Supporting Member	
Address	115 Slocan Avenue, New Denver, BC, V0G 1S0	
E-Mail Address	nikkei@newdenver.ca	
Phone Number(s)	250-358-2316	
Fax Number(s)		
Contact Person	Amanda Murphy	
Report Completed by	Amanda Murphy	
Board of Directors (name and position)	Name:	Position:
Council	Leonard Casley	Mayor
	Colin Moss	Councillor
	Gerald Wagner	Councillor
	Vern Gustafson	Councillor
	John Fyke	Councillor



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Date of AGM	N/A				
Estimated Yearly Operating Budget	Overall municipal budget is \$ 1,400,000				
	NIMC portion - \$80,000				
Membership Structure (youth, individual, family, senior categories; total size; membership fee)	Type:	Fee:	Total Membership:	Groups Within Membership:	
Numbers for 2017	Admission - Student	\$7.00	142		
	Admission - Senior	\$.700	1200		
	Admission - Adult	\$9.00	1485		
	Admission – Family*	\$20.00	908	*calc. 2 adults +2 children	
	School Group	40% discount	307*	*#of Students	
Newsletter	Frequency:	Distribution:	Paid Advertising:	Digital Copy:	Hard Copy:
Title: N/A					
Partnerships (if applicable)	Name of Partner		Reason For Partnership		
	Nikkei National Museum & Cultural Centre		Sharing Online Database and Collection Management Assistance		
	NAJC		BC Redress Consultation and NIMC Booklet Project		
	UBC Okanagan		Online Digitization Process		



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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
	Former Kyowakai Society	To support and assist the Village of New Denver with the cultural interpretation of the NIMC.

New Programs/Events/Initiatives:

- Research and production of booklet describing Kyowakai's role in the creation and development of the NIMC
- Hosted successful NAJC BC Redress Consultation
- 40% discount to school groups

Focus 2018-19:

Community Forums were held in 2018 on the following areas. Provide updates on what local planning and actions have occurred:

Focus	Actions	Timeline
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Chapter/Association Priorities (excluding the above focus areas):

- Spearhead a fundraising drive for the restoration and repair of Roy Sumi's Heiwa Teien Garden and site buildings
- Develop Strategic Plan to address sustainability of operating and restoration costs of the NIMC



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How do you evaluate and monitor your organization?

☐ Surveys ☐ Focus Groups ☐ Committees ☒ Board Meetings ☒ Strategic Plan ☒ Special Forums/Conferences

Owned and operated by a local government. All budget and planning discussions are approved by Council. Operational Plan is developed annually for approval by Council prior to the opening season.

Fund-raising activities: (list your successes)

Donation boxes at the NIMC create an average of \$2,000 annually. Private donations are given an official tax donation receipt.

Grants received:

During the 2019 CD NAJC were received for the design of a small book focused on the NIMC's unique history . The NIMC was successful in receiving CSJ Federal money for 2 student positions: a museum attendant and a collections assistant.

QUESTIONS

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

As a recognized national historic site and also a unique and important site dedicated to telling the history of the internment of Japanese Canadians, there are concerns about how to continue to operate, enhance and maintain the site in the future. Are there plans to have a dedicated fund available to ensure the long term viability and sustainability of sites with important heritage and historical value? If not, what other considerations or support are available to ensure this important part of Canadian and Japanese- Canadian history is not lost? **We request that the NAJC Redress Consultation Report will address this concern.**



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L. What topics do you recommend for Community Forums?

How can promotion of the already created and newly created sites be coordinated to ensure that the hard work and effort put into the many wonderful memorials and educational sites is more visible and accessible?

How does the greater community view sites such as the NIMC? Do they wish to become more actively involved in ensuring its growth and future operations? What would that look like? Is there an appetite to support financially the restoration of the exhibits and grounds? What kind of out-reach would be appropriate to contact and build relationships with other member organizations to ensure the NIMC is in alignment with the goals and objectives of the broader community?

C. Other:

Additional Comments: (if applicable)



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6.4 Regina Japanese Canadian Club Inc.

Name of Organization	Regina Japanese Canadian Club
NAJC Membership Type	Associate member
Address	820 Shannon Road
E-Mail Address	info.rjcc@gmail.com
Website	rjcc.ca (Under maintenance)
Social Media Handles (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter)	Facebook
Phone Number(s)	306-584-5646
Fax Number(s)	-
President or Contact Person	Joanne Rollins
Note that the information reported above will appear in the NAJC Website under member organizations	



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Board of Directors (name and position)	Name:	Position:
	Joanne Rollins Sandra Kerr Laura McCusker Mimi Moustapha (away until mid Sept 2019) Mariko Sawa (to end of July 2019, her sister Michiko will fill in after)	President Treasurer Vice President Communications Events coordinator Admin Sec – vacant
Date of AGM	May 26, 2019	
Estimated Yearly Operating Budget	NAJC membership 100.00 Picnic 100.00 Keirokai 550.00 New Years 203.00 Otoshidama 110.00	Extra (hopeful): Anniversary event 5000.00 Small Event 200.00



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	Spring Potluck	60.00	
	Room rental	200.00	
	Bank Charges/ Misc	30.00	
	Storage	816.00	
	Total:	2169.00	



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Membership Structure (youth, individual, family, senior categories; total size; membership fee)	Type:		Fee:	Total Membership:	Groups Within Membership:
	single		10.00	10	none
	Couple		20.00	9	
	Family		30.00	7	
	Seniors (original members)		n/a	10	
Newsletter Title:	Frequency:	Distribution:	Paid Advertising:	Digital Copy:	Hard Copy:
	periodically	Email	No	Yes	20
Partnerships (if applicable)	Name of Partner		Reason For Partnership		
	none				
Other Nikkei Organizations in the Community (if applicable, list name of organization and its main purpose)	Name of Organization		Main Purpose		
	Hibiki Taiko Group (3 club members) Queen City Japanese Language School (teachers are members)		Started with help from RJCC (& NAJC funding) but on their own now. Japanese Culture Japanese Language for young children		



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	Fujioka Friendship (no official committee or name yet) (includes 4 club members development committee)	Signing will be in Aug 2019. Japanese Culture
	High school exchange (name changed?)	Through Board of Ed. Japanese culture
	Several Martial Arts groups but no connection with RJCC. No members	Martial arts interest groups

New Programs/Events/Initiatives:

RJCC is a very small club with several seniors and several children, and very few hands to help with any project. Although we have had great success with the Summer Matsuri the past two years (success in numbers and not financially), Koreto the past president is too busy to continue this project and couldn't find anyone to replace him.

Mimi – one of our university student executive members would like to organize a **100th Anniversary event** in early 2020. She has been away on an exchange to Japan and will be returning mid-September to start planning.

This will be the one and only large event for this executive term. The Regina community will be invited through social media to encourage knowledge of Japanese Culture. We will use the Frank Hori Foundation money that we received at the beginning of our term in 2018.

The executive is considering doing a few other very small events to attract immigrant families mostly involving food –
Special soup day (ramen maybe). Too few hands, so will need the help of some members in order to accomplish this



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All other events will be our regular ones, trying to incorporate ideas for immigrant families:

- Picnic
- Hakamairi
- Keirokai
- New Years
- Spring pot luck (occasionally)

Focus 2019-2020:

Provide updates on what local planning and actions have occurred since September 2018:

Focus	Actions	Timeline
Attracting new members due to dwindling numbers. Also convincing members to serve on the executive. Need to attract immigrants as there are very few Japanese Canadians. We need an immigrant on our executive as more immigrant families will renew their membership and join the events – as has occurred in the past.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not many hands to accomplish too much • Spoke with NAJC president, several RJCC senior club members, the president and a few members of the Victoria Nikkei Cultural Society and Calgary Community Association members for ideas to attract immigrant families to the club • U of R Japanese ESL student – transient but could have something to offer the club. Trying to set something up with the university “welcome day” • Emails now are written in both English and Japanese • Talking with Japanese Language school parents • Speaking with immigrant families • Gave email address to realtors, so Japanese families can contact if desired 	On going



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trying to gear some events towards immigrants and their children • Trying to find people to take one regular event and plan it each year so it would take pressure off the executive members. • continually looking for Cultural events / programs that are not labour intense or costly, to bring to the club / community. • Plan to send a picture of our events to the NAJC Facebook page (and maybe invites to events) • Executive considering small (and not labour intense) events such as ramen day, mochi soup day, etc 	
Senior members of the club	<p>There are still 6 seniors whose families have shaped the club since the 1920's, and 4 seniors who have been here for many years and have contributed a lot to the club.</p> <p>We recognize all 16 seniors at events in some way.</p>	On going
Children	<p>All of the immigrant families have young children so we have special things for children to do at each event.</p>	On going

Chapter/Association Priorities (excluding the above focus areas):

How do you evaluate and monitor your organization?

☒ Surveys
 ☐ Focus Groups
 ☐ Committees
 ☒ Board Meetings
 ☐ Strategic Plan
 ☐ Special Forums/Conferences



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Fund-raising activities: (list your successes)
None
Grants received:
Frank Hori Foundation at the beginning of our two year term in 2018
QUESTIONS
A. Questions your Organization has for The NAJC/NEB:
B. Please list the top three priorities that the NAJC should focus on over the next two years.
C. Other

Additional Comments: (if applicable)

As the president of the RJCC, I like to keep up with what is happening within the NAJC so that I can pass it down to our members. I don't have any strong opinions on any priorities or focus for the NAJC. I do think education in schools is important and realize that a lot of work has been done in this area recently and in the past, and I have passed some of this information to teachers in Regina.



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7 Awards and Scholarships

7.1 Canadian Japanese Mennonite Scholarship

In 1984 MCC issued an apology, on behalf of Canadian Mennonites, to Canadian Japanese for abuse suffered during World War II. This scholarship is a symbol of cooperation between the two groups. The \$2,000 scholarship funds research on the protection of minority and human rights in Canada in order to reduce the potential for abuse of cultural minorities.

The National Association of Japanese Canadians and Mennonite Central Committee Canada co-sponsor the scholarship.

Selection Criteria

To be eligible students must be:

- Enrolled in a graduate program the fall of the following year
- A Canadian citizen, permanent resident, or international student studying at a Canadian university in Canada
- Doing research that will help protect minority or human rights in Canada
- Download the application packet

Applications must be received by April 1.

Congratulations to the recipients of this scholarship over the past two years:

YEAR	AREA OF STUDY	CJMS – RECIPIENT & TOPIC OF PAPER
2019	Education	Michelle Lam – PhD student at University of Manitoba. Her research examines the role of host communities and educational institutions with current newcomer immigration in third-tier prairie cities. Michelle states that “it is necessary to generate deeper understandings of rural newcomers’ immigration, settlement and educational experiences, and to educate mainstream Canadians to promote an inclusive society which honours the rights of newcomers.”



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2018	History	Nicole Yakashiro – Master student at University of British Columbia. Her research investigates how Canadian settler colonialism has been built through the layered interrelationship among Indigenous people, white settlers, and non-Indigenous people of colour. Specifically exploring on the long and troubled history of Sandon – now a ghost town in BC's Kootenay region.