

NAJC AGM Membership Organization Report 2019

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

NAJC Membership Type: Member Organization
(member organization or associate member)

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**Board of Directors/
Executive Committee** Lynn Deutscher Kobayashi - President
Kim Uyede-Kai – Vice President
Randy Sakauye – Treasurer
Michelle Walters – Secretary
Mika Fukuma – Director
Stephane Hamade – Director
Yosh Inouye – Director
Ron Shimizu – Director
Les Takahashi – Director

Toku Suyama – Honorary Board Member

Date of AGM: January 24, 2021 (Tentative)

**Estimated Annual
Operating Budget:**

\$60,000*

* this amount includes a special pledge made to Momiji Health Care Society to contribute \$20,000/year for 2019,2020, 2021 and \$2,000 towards PPE

Membership

Type	Fee
Regular/Household	\$30/\$40
Senior/Household	\$20/\$30
Youth/Household	\$20/30
Lifetime member	

Newsletter

Title: TorontoNAJC Membership Newsletter

Frequency	Distribution	Paid Ads	Digital Copy	Hard Copy
Website	Membership	None		
Bulletin & Nikkei Voice				Yes
Emails	Members & event attendees		Yes	
Print Newsletter			Yes	Yes

Partnerships

Name of Partner:

Momiji Health Care Society Provides meeting space for Chapter meetings

ACT2endracism

Asian Canadian Women's Alliance

Reel Asian Film Festival

Hiroshima-Nagasaki Coalition

Fisher Rare Books Library, University of Toronto

Other Nikkei Organizations in the Community:

Member of the Japanese Canadian Network Organization

Young Japanese Canadians of Toronto

Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre

Japanese Social Services

The Japan Foundation

New Programs Events and Initiatives

1. Upgrade Chapter's Management Infrastructure
Continued full implementation of Customer Relationship Management app named NEON to manage and integrate membership database.
Established a Chapter Social Justice/Human Rights Committee which:
 - Organized a special lecture by Professor Eric Adams of the University of Alberta Law Faculty on "How Japanese Canadians Shaped the Constitution" and a reception afterwards.
 - Successful petition to have the City of Toronto apologize/acknowledge 1942 ban on JC's and a motion to have a Japanese Canadian history week.
2. Chapter reviewed membership structure and removed the Bulletin magazine as part of membership, adding it on as an extra at reduced cost to members.
3. Participation in City of Toronto Anti-Asian "Toronto For All" marketing campaign.
4. Exiles in Our Own Country - Japanese Canadians in Niagara – Virtual History Project with Lincoln County Museum begun.
5. Two Board members involved with NAJC Social Justice Committee.
6. One Board member on Constitution Committee
7. One Board member on the Nominations Committee

8. Attended several events, performances, Emperor's Birthday, hosted by Japanese Consul-General
9. Digitization of Japanese Canadian Redress: The Toronto Story

Chapter Events

1. Chapter held a BC Redress Information update in December.
2. TorontoNAJC hosted information Booths at the Haru Matsuri at the JCCC at the end of February.
3. AGM – with panel discussion with five Yonsei participants.
4. Webinar #1: Xenophobia, Racism and COVID-19 with Justice Maryka Omatsu
5. Webinar #2: Bystander Intervention Training
6. Webinar #3: Burning Province with poet Michael Prior and Matt Miwa and Julie Tamiko Manning of the Tashme Project. Reading and panel discussion with Kerri Sakamoto.
7. Partnership with Asian Canadian Women's Alliance
 - a. Webinar: Dressed in Layers, A Handbok Project
 - b. Webinar: Responding to Anti-Asian Racism.

Focus on 2019-20

Provide Updates on Local Planning Actions Held Since September 2020

Focus	Actions	Time Lines
Policies and Procedures Manual	Begun	By AGM in January 2021
Federal non-profit status	Acquired	
Charitable Status	Started application Process	Submit by end of summer
2-3 Anti-Racism webinars	Planning begun	August – September
Redress Anniversary Event	Planning begun	September

Chapter/Association Priorities (other than discussed above)

- Two new Board members recruited, including a yonsei Board member.
- Increase number of Yonsei members
- Increase Awareness of the Chapter and Active Membership for the Chapter

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 received a large donation from Mike Murakami to enable digitization of Japanese Canadian Redress: The Toronto Story

Grants Received

Chapter received a CDF Grant to donate to Momiji for PPE for essential workers.

Questions Your Organization has for the National Executive Committee

We ask that the NEB communicate internally in a more timely manner and with greater transparency.

What topics Do You Recommend for Community Forums?

TorontoNAJC requests the Constitutional Committee hold forums 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.