



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023-2024



TUESDAY, JANUARY 21ST, 2025- 6:30 PM

1. Welcome and Introductions	Carlos Roque	5 min
2. Acceptance of 2024 Minutes	All Present AGM 2024	5 min
3. Presentation of Audit	Noah Jensen	10 min
4. Appointment of Auditors for 2024-2025	Eric Banumas	5 min
5. Financial Management Review Outcomes	Kim Fowler	5 min
6. Presentation and Approval of Budget	Jamie Hatfield	10 min
7. Recreation Manager Report	Jamie Hatfield	10 min
8. Board Nominees	Kim Fowler	5 min
9. Closing Comments	Carlos Roque	5 min

MISSION & VISION

OUR MISSION

ANCC encourages individual and community growth by providing enriching opportunities close to home.



OUR VISION

An inclusive and thriving neighbourhood where residents can grow together.

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Alison Neighborhood Community Centre members and stakeholders,

As we begin 2025, I am filled with gratitude and excitement for the opportunities that lie ahead for this beautiful community. Together, we are building the foundation for a brighter future for the children and families of this neighborhood.

Engagement has always been at the heart of our community, and it is truly inspiring to see so many children and families actively participating in the programs and initiatives we offer. From STEAM activities, drop-ins, sports nights, and cooking classes to other creative opportunities, the enthusiasm and curiosity of our participants make these experiences impactful. Neighbourhood Day at Soper Park was nothing short of incredible. A true celebration of what we can achieve when we come together. The activities that our staff and volunteers create are not just moments; they are memories that last a lifetime.

I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our staff members and volunteers, whose professionalism and genuine care for the children in our community have made such a positive impact.

Your dedication to fostering a supportive and enriching environment is deeply appreciated by everyone: parents, children, and stakeholders alike. You are the rock of this organization.





I encourage anyone who is passionate about our community to consider joining us. Serving on the board of directors or the community centre is a meaningful way to make a difference, share your ideas, and help shape the future of Alison Neighbourhood. It's an opportunity to collaborate with like-minded individuals, gain leadership experience, and directly contribute to initiatives that have a lasting impact. Your voice matters, and together, we can continue to strengthen and grow our community. Additionally, we would love to help your children and teens grow in character through the many opportunities ANCC provides, whether by participating in or volunteering for programs.

This year also marks a personal milestone for me; ten years of involvement in your community, both as a former teacher at St. Anne's School and a proud member of ANNC's Board of Directors since 2020. Reflecting on all we have achieved together over the past decade fills me with pride and a personal sense of humility. I am deeply grateful for the trust and support you've shown this community over the years, and I look forward to working with all of you to make this another year to remember.

Sincerely,

Carlos Roque

ANCC BOARD CHAIR

January 16th, 2024 ANCC Annual General Meeting

MINUTES

Present: Carlos R., Karen B., Allison L., Eric B., Crystal P., Samantha E. (staff), Edwin D. (staff), Jamie H. (staff), Noah J. (Auditor), Rachel F. (City of Cambridge), Heather M. (City of Cambridge)

Regrets:

1. Co-Chair Carlos Roque called the meeting to order. All in attendance were welcomed by the Co-Chair, Crystal Paravinja. Rachel and Heather from the City of Cambridge were thanked for attending.
2. Acceptance of the minutes of the 2023 AGM minutes: Those in attendance took a minute to review the prior year's minutes, and the motion was carried by those in attendance.
3. Presentation of Audit: Noah Jensen presented the audit. He noted that Alison Neighbourhood had significant spending and limited funding, but noted that limited funds were a common concern amongst non-profit organizations.
4. Appointment of Auditors for 2023-2024: Motion to appoint Racolta, Jensen, & Co LLP as auditors for Alison Neighbourhood for the financial year of 2023-2024. Motioned, seconded, and carried by those in attendance.
5. Message from the Co-Chairs: Carlos Roque and Crystal Paravinja highlighted the challenges and resilience of building up again after Covid-19. They noted the importance of community building.
6. Message from the Executive Director: Samantha Esmeralda spoke about the organization's strategic plan and the efforts that took place to bring the strategic plan to fruition. Carlos Roque and Crystal Paravinja thank Samantha Esmeralda for her hard work and wish her the best for her upcoming maternity leave.
7. Jamie Hatfield, Recreation Coordinator, presented highlights from Recreation programs and camps. She noted the demand for programs such as After School Program, Breakfast Club, and Summer Camps.
8. Edwin Dontoh, Community Engagement Coordinator, presented highlights from volunteers and events. He noted that new events, such as our Youth Corn Maze Trip, were met with positive responses from the neighbourhood.
9. Slate of Nominees: Carlos Roque asks if there are any nominees for the board. Samantha Esmeralda notes that there are zero nominees for consideration for the board at this time. Crystal Paravinja asks the assembly for further membership nominations from the floor. There are none.
10. Carlos Roque thanks retiring board members for their contributions during their time with the board. Retiring board members include Crystal Paravinja.
11. Carlos Roque thanks everyone for attending. Meeting is adjourned.

BUDGET 2024-2025

Alison Neighbourhood receives funding from a variety of sources, including year-to-year grants, one-time grants, and fees for service. Grants make up almost three quarters of Alison Neighbourhood's income. A breakdown of these income sources is listed on the budget on the following page.

Because the budget was passed in principle by the board in November, there have been additional funding opportunities that have arisen since then. Should more opportunities arise, the funds would be expensed within the current financial year and sit outside the current budget, but under the governance of the Board of Directors.



RECREATION HIGHLIGHTS 2023 & 2024

1580

Program
Hours

7

Weeks of
Camp

5

New
Programs

190

Rec
Program
Participants

8

Community
Partnerships

385

Summer
Camp
Participants



Learn to Skate

Introduces children and youth to basic skating skills. This year, we had 31 participants with a waitlist of 10!



Summer Day Camp

In 2024, we offered 7 weeks of summer camp filled with games, trips, and team challenges!



Beginners Karate

Beginners Karate was led by one of our very own community members. The program was a huge hit!



After School Program

Continues to be an in-demand program with a long waitlist. Favourite activities include sports, baking, and karaoke!



BREAKFAST CLUB IMPACT

SEPT. 2023-JUNE 2024



177

Program
Days

4140

Program
Visits

443

Program
Hours



4140

Breakfasts
Served



VOLUNTEERING AT ANCC

Alison Neighbourhood
community centre



2023-2024 AT A GLANCE

New
Volunteers

27

Total
Volunteers

56

After School
Program
Hours

1460

Summer
Playground
Hours

3520

SPARK

In 2024, we introduced our new leadership program, SPARK! This weekly program was aimed at grades 5 and 6 students to help them grow their confidence and leadership abilities!



LEAD

We offered LEAD twice in 2024 to train our next generation of summer camp leaders. Our programs would not be possible without our volunteers!



SPECIAL EVENT HIGHLIGHTS 2023-2024

Neighbourhood Day!

With over 500 people in attendance, Neighbourhood Day continues to be one of the most memorable and magical days of the year! We love getting the chance to connect with new and old families and see everyone have a good time! Even though it rained a little, that didn't stop the party! The rock climbing wall continued to be a success and everyone loved spinning the wheel to win a prize!



Youth Corn Maze Trip!

This year, we offered a Corn Maze Trip to Stroms farm. We have over 50 participants! The night included spooky corn maze fun, hot chocolate, and s'mores around the fire! The participants were a mix of our youth that regularly attend our programs along with some youth that had not previously attended any events at ANCC.



Youth Dances

We had another successful year at our Halloween Dance! We created two age ranges: a Grade 1-4 time, and a Grade 5-8 time. We capped each group at 80 participants and even had to turn some people away. Due to its popularity, we also offered a winter dance, which as also met with great success! We plan to move the winter dance to Valentine's Day in future years.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CARLOS ROQUE

Chair

ERIC BANUMAS

Treasurer

KAREN BECKS

Member at Large

RYAN INGLEHART

Member at Large



THANK YOU!

Alison Neighbourhood wants to thank our funders for their support in the last year and their continued partnership for 2024. We simply cannot do our amazing work without you!



LYLE S. HALLMAN
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