

## BNRC Staff and Board Members

### Staff

**Carly Gasparini**

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**Hope Switzer**

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BEEP Operations Director

**Brian Mackie**

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**Bill Potter**

BEEP Crew Supervisor

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**Susan Spring**

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**Blaine Foley**

Reaching Home Coordinator

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Evolution Bookkeeping

### Board Members

**Tanya LaBuick (Chair)**

Business Expert

**Stacy Senkbeil (1st Vice Chair)**

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**Joel Springer (Secretary)**

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Prairie Mountain Health Representative

**Rachel Herron**

Brandon University Representative

**Wanda Leigh Rains**

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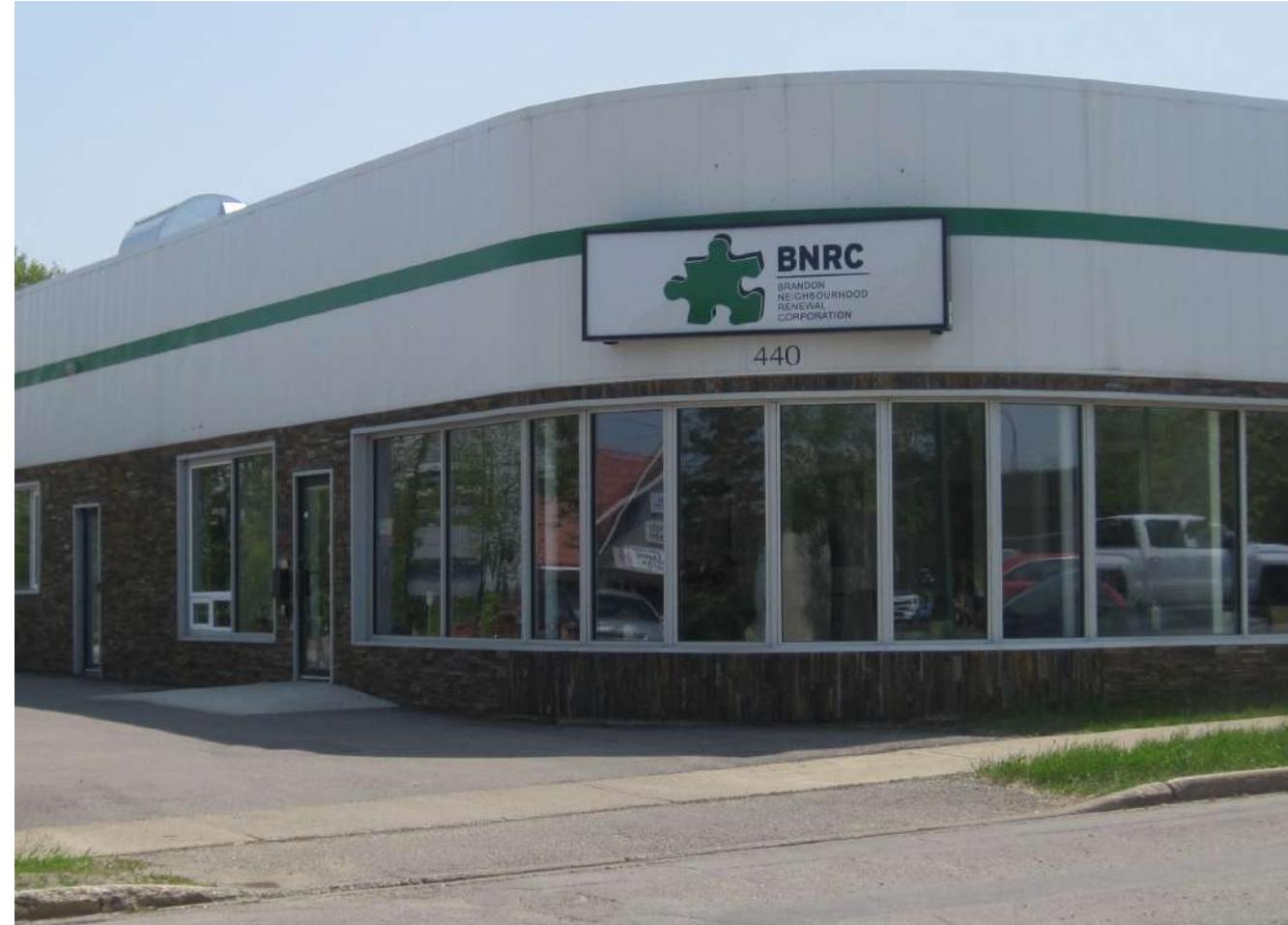
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Residential Member

**CJ Grambo**

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# Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation



## Annual Report 2018-2019

## A Message from the Executive Director and Board Chairperson

### Message from Executive Director

2018/19 was a stand out year for the BNRC. We have such an incredible team of board members and staff and have taken on new challenges and adventures. In fact, it has been one of my favorite years yet! In a lot of ways, this AGM represents the moving into the next phase of our history. I have said a few times, that we have grown, left the safety of City Hall, and ventured out as adults! We have a new space, new website, and new energy. We have renewed our work with the Federal Government to deliver Reaching Home; the National Homelessness Strategy, we continue to work with the province to strengthen our relationship in delivering BEEP, we have taken on new projects with the Department of Justice, the City of Brandon, ACC, and numerous community agencies. We have 9 beautiful murals up or on their way, we have fresh free veggies growing in our neighbourhood, and we have opened the Creation Nation Makerspace! I could not be more excited about or more proud of the work we have done and the people that have done it! Thank you to our community, our funding partners, our agency partners, our board, and most importantly thank you to the BNRC staff! Here's to new and exciting things to come!

### Message from the Chair - Tanya LaBuick

The last 12 months have proven busy and successful for the BNRC. Our Mission is to improve the quality of life in the core area of our great city, Brandon. Through multiple advocacy efforts on the municipal and provincial level, building capacity through education, awareness, resource identification and utilization, and powerful creativity, the staff, and Board of the BNRC have moved the organization forward while remaining aligned with the organizational mission.

The BNRC staff are finally all together under one roof, at the beautifully renovated, by our BEEP team, 440 Rosser Avenue. All of these benchmarks are guided by our recently nominated Woman of Distinction, Carly Gasparini, who without a doubt has been the driving force behind building the team and resources of the BNRC in a fashion that makes them flexible and accessible to the people of Brandon.

The Board and the staff at the BNRC together, create a powerhouse of diversity and innovation. They are thoughtful, strategic, conscientious, and kind. I would like to thank the Board for their countless hours of contribution to the betterment of the BNRC, and also to shine a light on how seriously they take their job as members of the Board.

I look forward to another year of innovation, community expression, capacity development and more opportunities to fully employ the talents, skills, and brain power of the Board and the team at the BNRC.

## Statement of Operations for the year ended March 31, 2019

	2019	2018
<b>Revenue</b>		
Government of Canada	\$ 2,138,888	\$ 2,039,887
Province of Manitoba	622,346	583,814
Canadian Mental Health Association	54,583	242,915
City of Brandon	169,525	145,214
Rental	24,000	90,199
Operations	674,501	1,055,258
Donations	18,116	10,000
Interest	250	873
	<b>3,702,209</b>	<b>4,168,160</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
440 Rosser Avenue Building	57,495	19,593
BEEP	852,913	912,778
BNRC	54,062	56,968
City of Brandon	124,280	127,851
Employment Social Development Canada - Aboriginal	502,783	420,816
Employment Social Development Canada - Brandon	654,622	672,929
Employment Social Development Canada - HIFIS	23,417	21,185
Employment Social Development Canada - Pit Count	17,263	8,360
Employment Social Development Canada - R&R	934,278	928,026
E&T Manitoba	361,117	291,832
Fresh Start	85,995	69,756
Neighbourhoods Alive! - Core Funding	208,975	192,443
Neighbourhoods Alive! - Small grants	50,000	50,000
Maker's Space	19,848	-
	<b>3,947,048</b>	<b>3,772,537</b>
<b>Capital Items</b>		
Amortization	43,677	22,475
Amortization of deferred capital contributions	(438)	-
	<b>43,239</b>	<b>22,475</b>
	<b>3,990,287</b>	<b>3,795,012</b>
<b>Surplus for the year</b>	<b>\$ (288,078)</b>	<b>\$ 373,148</b>

# Statement of Financial Position for the year ended March 31, 2019

Assets	2019	2018
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash	\$ 178,239	\$ 184,590
Restricted Cash	342,093	1,003,444
Accounts Receivable	418,851	282,241
Prepaid expenses	4,622	-
	<b>943,805</b>	<b>1,470,275</b>
<b>Property, plant and equipment</b>	<b>1,280,010</b>	<b>1,157,324</b>
	<b>\$ 2,223,815</b>	<b>\$ 2,627,599</b>
<b>Liabilities and Retained Earnings</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts Payable	\$ 587,133	\$ 687,002
Current portion of long term debt	32,105	32,227
Deferred funding	22,100	87,554
	<b>641,338</b>	<b>806,783</b>
<b>Long-term debt</b>	<b>679,133</b>	<b>664,097</b>
<b>Deferred capital contributions</b>	<b>34,563</b>	<b>-</b>
	<b>1,355,174</b>	<b>1,470,880</b>
<b>Retained Earnings</b>		
Capital	534,069	461,001
Operating	334,572	695,718
	<b>868,641</b>	<b>1,156,719</b>
	<b>\$ 2,223,815</b>	<b>\$ 2,627,599</b>

## Community Awards

### Brandon Bear Clan

The Brandon Bear Clan was started in 2017 and is lead by The Women's Council, a group of 5-10 females who provide leadership to the group. Guided by Indigenous knowledge and teachings, the Bear Clan brings together 15 – 20 volunteers, twice a week to join in the patrol. Patrol members make themselves visible and available to any community member who needs help, direction, or just a friendly connection. Their goal is to offer help, information, supplies and respect to all communities while preventing authority intervention and providing a sense of belonging to both it's members and the community they serve.

The Brandon Bear Clan has become a familiar presence in the downtown especially, for our community's most vulnerable to know they have an ally and friend in the people wearing those orange vests. They care for all community members, often acting as a person's connection to their greater community. Bear Clan has mobilized our community and built a level of awareness and understanding for individuals experiencing homelessness, mental health issues and addictions.

### Salvation Army

For over 130 years, the Salvation Army has been a pillar in our community in serving our most vulnerable populations. They continuously offer assistance with food security, emergency housing, community inclusion, and basic necessities for all those who enter their agency. They are an important soft landing spot for individuals in crisis and have made a tremendous impact on making Brandon a more inclusive and welcoming community.

As an example of their good work, Salvation Army enthusiastically took a leadership role in assisting the BNRC implement the Community Resource Fair that took place in Princess Park. When called upon, the Salvation Army team jumped into action and provided enough food to serve over 250 people! It is this generous and caring spirit that makes the Salvation Army such a vital part of our community.

## The BNRC South End Lumber Housing Awards

### City of Brandon – Brandon Homebuyer Assistance Program

The City of Brandon created the Brandon Homebuyer Assistance Program in 2018. The program was designed to assist qualified homebuyers with funding equal to a 5% down payment towards the purchase of a home, as well as a portion of the associated closing costs through a forgivable ten-year loan, to a maximum of \$14,000 per applicant.

Funding for ten homebuyers was initially received from the Manitoba Housing and Renewal Corporation, for up to \$140,000. Due to the overwhelming success and interest, the program was expanded. To date, there have been 31 successful applications to the program, with 29 new homebuyers already finalized, for a funding total of up to \$434,000.

This program has been a tremendous success in transitioning residents who might not have otherwise been able to enter the home ownership market to first-time homeowners.

### Karen Peto – Individual Achievement

Karen Peto has recently retired as the Executive Director of the YWCA in Brandon after 24 years in the position. Her dedication to assisting individuals find and maintain safe and affordable housing has resulted in thousands of individuals finding the help they needed when they needed it most. She provided leadership and growth to the transitional units available at Meredith House and lead the way on opening the Westman Women's Shelter and the addition of emergency family units.

Her career is worthy of special recognition as it was devoted to making the lives of individuals better by ensuring that their basic human need for shelter was met. The community was fortunate to have her expertise and experience and she will be missed.



## Brandon Energy Efficiency Program

### Manitoba Housing

- Exterior retrofits on 10 MB Housing units
- Extensive landscaping project for 50 MB housing units
- Have signed on to another major exterior and interior retrofit for a series of buildings.

### Community Health and Housing Association

- BEEP will begin in the spring of 2019 a major renovation and construction on a warehouse on 13th street to convert it to bachelor suite apartments.
- BEEP crew completed building a 4-plex and all units are now sold to low income recipients.
- Completed an interior finish for the CHHA offices, the BNRC offices, and built a playground.

### Since Inception in June 8, 2007 to present

- Over 200 previously unemployed individuals with barriers to employment have benefited from BEEP training
- 75 participants have gained full time private sector employment
- 15 participants have pursued further education
- 20 GED graduates while at BEEP
- 3 off campus grade 12 graduates while at BEEP
- 15 obtained valid driver's licences while at BEEP
- 21 participants continuing in the program

### Presently

- 12 trainees, 6 tier ii's, 3 apprentices
- Annual payroll supports 26 positions
- BEEP projects inject over \$1 million annually into the Brandon community purchasing local material and supplies.

## Fresh Start Specialty Cleaning Services

- 13 employees with different barriers to employment
- 4 employees became employed by BEEP
- 2 employees had mental health issues who would not otherwise be able to hold any job
- Attended BCC John Howard Society Community Resource Fair and met with 184 inmates to discuss Bug 'n Scrub and BEEP.
- In 2018, Fresh Start had it's Grand Opening.
- 8 jobs for Clearing a Path
- 14 heat Treatment jobs with the heat treatment trailer
- 36 Bug 'n Scrub jobs
- 8 cleaning jobs for different organizations

# Homelessness Partnering Strategy Highlights 2018



## Successful 2018-2019 Projects

- The Brandon Friendship Centre - prevention pillar of Brandon's Plan to End Youth Homelessness.
- At the Canadian Mental Health Association (Thompson) - a Senior Housing Outreach Mentor was employed.
- The Dauphin Friendship Centre - two new transitional housing duplexes with three-bedrooms were built.
- In Swan River, the Elbert Chartrand Friendship Centre's - Housing First Worker was employed to connect clients with housing and supports.
- The Flin Flon Friendship Centre Housing First/Support Services Worker delivered Housing First programs and Support Services.
- The Manitoba Metis Federation- Brandon Housing First and the Youth for Christ - Youth Housing First program housed over 121 clients hard to house/high risk clients over their HPS term.

- Mow-We-Tak Friendship Centre (Thompson) renovated the main floor of a building it owns to create 10 units of transitional housing..
- Nova House employed two Full Time Outreach Workers in Selkirk.
- Riverton and District Friendship Centre invested in two buildings.
- Samaritan House Ministries (Brandon), delivered the Clearing the Path Hoarding program to prevent evictions, help people downsize and declutter. Samaritan House also provided the annual Safe & Warm Seasonal Emergency Shelter. The Shelter has expanded from 10 to 20 beds, plus SHM provides a hot meal and cots to sleep on, not just the floor.
- The YWCA in Brandon provided a Transitional Support Worker to help residents transition to permanent housing and supports for their individual needs.

## Community Coordination and Data

As a community, Brandon worked toward a homelessness service network with Coordinated Intake, a standardized screening tool (SPDAT) and the implementation of HIFIS, (Homeless Individuals and Families Information System) the secured and consensual database. Brandon is a generous and caring community, with many partners engaged in reducing homelessness in our community and throughout Manitoba!

# Community Development Highlights 2018

## Community Projects



## Smile Festival

This first annual Smile Festival was started to create a safe, open and creative environment to raise awareness of mental health distress, promote positive well-being, and help break the stigma of mental illness. Through the Smile Festival, organizers were able to frame mental health as something to celebrate rather than stigmatize.



## Bike Pump and Fixit Station

This project brought a much-needed bike repair station and pump to the highly utilized Kristopher Campbell Memorial Skate Plaza. With this addition to the Skate Plaza organizers expect to see increase usage and usability of the park while encouraging physical activity and community connection. Organizers also made safety equipment available to numerous youth and expect to install a skateboarding repair station shortly.

# Community Development Highlights 2018



### Downtown Public Art and Mural Committee

The Downtown Public Art and Mural Committee, comprised of representatives from the Brandon Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation, Brandon Downtown Development Corporation, City of Brandon, Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba and downtown property owners, started their work this past year with the colorful 'Brandon – A Home in the Blue Hills' mural (above) at 1126 Rosser Avenue.

### Incredible Edible Brandon

Inspired by Incredible Edible Todmordens' lead the BNRC piloted the Incredible Edible Brandon project in the summer of 2017. The BNRC, City of Brandon, and Cooperators sponsored the operations of this project that brought planters and garden beds with edible produce to the public in downtown Brandon. In this ongoing seasonal project individual planters are sponsored by a business or organization and tended by volunteers. This project continues to expand its gardens, workshops and reach in the community.

### Downtown Ambassador Program

Proposed and funded by city council, the Downtown Ambassador Program began its pilot year on July 3rd, 2018 and continued throughout the summer. Five ambassadors will walked throughout the downtown in pairs during peak hours.

- Ambassadors support community engagement, tourism, social planning and community safety by offering a welcoming and knowledgeable presence throughout the downtown.
- They connect citizens and visitors to local businesses, events and services; strengthen relationships between local stakeholders; provide referrals and assistance to vulnerable persons; and act as eyes and ears within the core.

# Affordable Housing Highlights 2018

### Homebuyer Assistance Program (HBAP)

In 2018, with funding support from the Manitoba Housing and Renewal Corporation, the City of Brandon was able to develop a program that allowed successful applicants to receive funding of up to 5% down payment on the purchase of a home. The BNRC assisted in processing the applicants.



**Total Grant  
of up to  
\$434,000**



**Total Homebuyers  
Approved  
31**



**Completed  
29**



**Approved but  
not completed  
2**

### Solution To End Poverty Permanently (STEPP)

All the units at 1062 1st Street, Brandon 4-plex have been sold.

