



THUNDER BAY AND DISTRICT
COORDINATING COMMITTEE
TO END WOMAN ABUSE

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2018/2019



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Coordinating
Committee
to End Woman Abuse

OUR MISSION

We envision a community where women and children are safe, valued and free from abuse.

We recognize the gendered and racialized nature of intimate partner violence, and work collaboratively to effect necessary change at the systems level.

We believe that everyone is ultimately accountable for the safety of women and children, and we support the sharing of appropriate information in effort to ensure it.

We value diversity, believe in shared responsibility, and actively engage in respectful collaboration at our table and within our community.

OUR VALUES

We work with a network of individuals, groups and organizations to establish and support a comprehensive and effective community response to end woman abuse.

We advocate for the safety and wellbeing of women and children, for the accountability of men who use violence, and for a safer, healthier community for everyone.

Informed by an Anti-Oppressive and Anti-Racist framework, we aim:

- *To ensure that there is an effective and coordinated response to violence against women in Thunder Bay and the surrounding District;*
- *To ensure that the fundamental causes of violence against women and children, whether perpetrated by institutional or social structures, patriarchy, social policies or agencies, are addressed within the social system's response to women abuse;*
- *To advocate for changes in laws and policies that govern systemic responses to violence against women.*

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MEMBERSHIP 2018 - 2019

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COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

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NORTHWESTERN ONTARIO WOMEN'S CENTRE (NOWC)

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SEXUAL ABUSE CENTRE THUNDER BAY

SEXUAL ASSAULT/DOMESTIC VIOLENCE TREATMENT CENTRE (TBRHSC)

THUNDER BAY AND AREA VICTIM SERVICES

THUNDER BAY COUNSELLING CENTRE (TBCC)

THUNDER BAY CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL

THUNDER BAY AND DISTRICT HEALTH UNIT (TBDHU)

THUNDER BAY POLICE SERVICES (TBPS)

THUNDER BAY PROBATION & PAROLE SERVICES

VICTIM/WITNESS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (V/WAP)

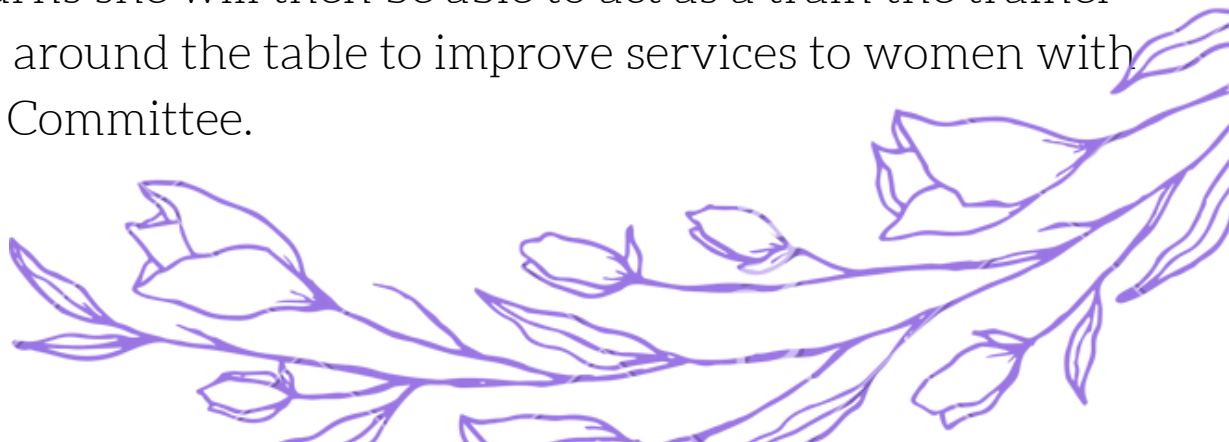
CHAIR REPORT

The Coordinating Committee has had a great year of coming together as a group monthly to continue to keep each other informed and up to date on the issues in Violence Against Women and our own agencies. As a group we continued our participation in the enhanced training which was in partnership with the Safe & Together Institute, which fell short of our expectations as a group.

We are still awaiting further information from the Conservative government on funding for the VAWCC, and at the time of writing we have no information on how we will be proceeding next year. We do know many agencies around the table, like Child Protection and Public Health Units, know their funding cuts but not the full impact on the community.

Our Coordinator will be attending a 7-day 'Train the Trainer' initiative, which is taking place in Windsor this July. This training is in partnership with the 'Flip the Script' Enhanced Assess, Acknowledge, Act (EAAA) program. We also funded the cost of tuition for an advocate from the Northwestern Ontario Women's Centre to attend this same training in May of this year. Our hope is when Katie returns she will then be able to act as a train the trainer for the agencies around the table to improve services to women with the input of the Committee.

Sincerely,
Debbie Zweep



COORDINATOR REPORT

I am grateful to report from the half way mark in my third year as coordinator for the Thunder Bay and District Coordinating Committee to End Woman Abuse. It has been a rewarding and inspiring journey so far, and I am excited for all of the new challenges and opportunities on the horizon.

As a committee, we meet on a monthly basis to network and share our projects, ideas and strategies with the other members at the table. As coordinator, I have the pleasure of planning and organizing these meetings to facilitate a cross-sectoral conversation about the experiences of women in our community. This includes general correspondence with standing members, as well as recruitment and support of new members joining the committee.

As a wrap up from our work with the Safe & Together Institute, I facilitated a video-conference meeting in the summer of 2018 with all participants to discuss next steps for the work we did together. This meeting was intended to tie-up loose ends with the inter-agency planning models created at the 2-day workshop, which took place in December 2017. While it was acknowledged that there is still much work to do to erase the silos many members experience in their work, it was a rewarding and beneficial partnership with the folks at Safe & Together Institute. We hope to continue to strengthen that relationship in the future.

In late 2018, I was invited to take part in bi-monthly teleconference meetings for coordinators of VAWCC's in Ontario. These meetings are facilitated by Building a Bigger Wave, and are intended to support coordinators in networking with other individuals working & volunteering to coordinate Violence Against Women committee's in our province. It has been an incredibly informative and supportive group to connect with, and I will remain as an active member in the year ahead.

I have had the pleasure of supporting the development of the High Risk Navigator project, which has been led by the Northwestern Ontario Women's Centre. After an extensive application process for funding from the Law Foundation of Ontario, we received confirmation that the project will be funded for 14 months. The TBDCCEWA will be playing an active role in this project, and supporting the various facets of this exciting and challenging endeavor.

After receiving confirmation that the TBDCCEWA would be receiving a one-time funding to support education and training within the committee, it was voted on to send myself to a 7-day training hosted by the SARE Centre in Windsor, Ontario. The Enhanced Assess, Acknowledge & Act (EAAA) is designed to implement the 'Flip the Script' education program, and will support the work being done locally surrounding Sexual Assault Resistance Education. This is an incredible opportunity, and I am very grateful to be given the chance to enhance my knowledge and abilities in this important area.

I wish to thank you for the opportunity to lead the committee, and work alongside you as we continue to advocate for the safety and rights of women in our community.

In solidarity,

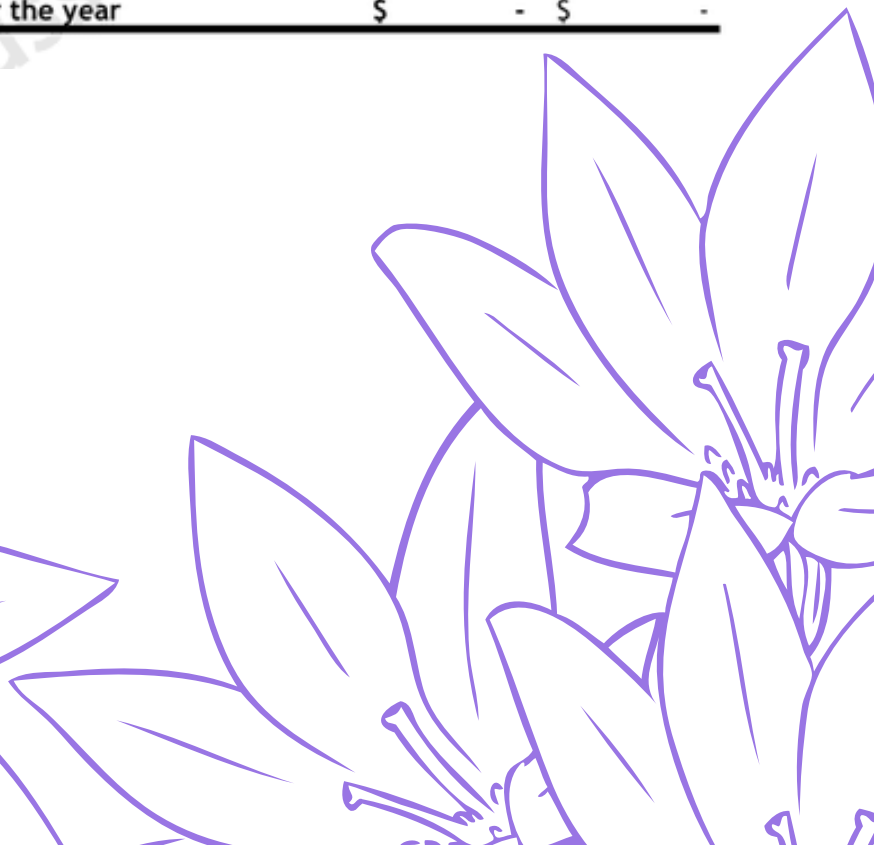
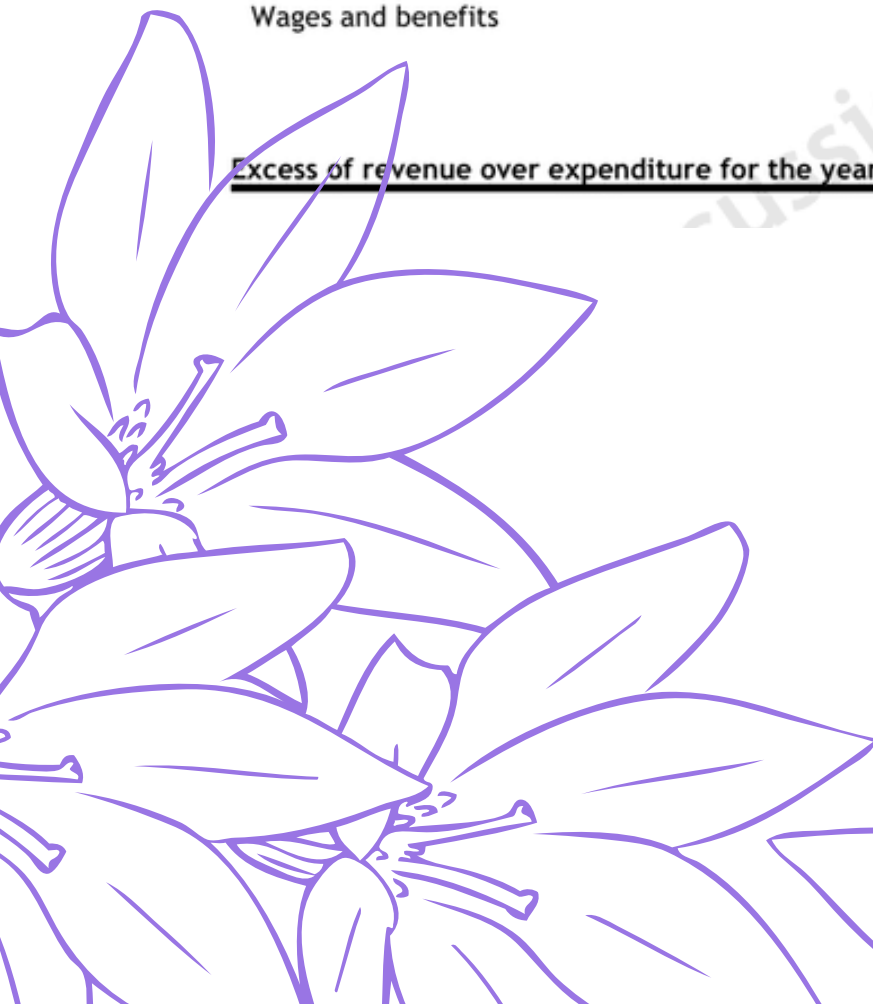
Katie Watson
Coordinator



FINANCIAL REPORT

Crisis Homes Inc. Schedule 1E - Domestic Violence Community Co-ord Committee

For the year ended March 31	2019	2018
Revenue		
Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services	\$ 24,516	\$ 24,517
MCCSS one-time grant - Ontario Women's Directorate Project	3,937	4,000
	<u>28,453</u>	<u>28,517</u>
Expenditures		
Advertising and promotion	493	477
Insurance	1,119	1,110
Other services	682	4,390
Staff training	7,380	-
Supplies and equipment - Other	306	-
Travel	-	980
Wages and benefits	18,473	21,560
	<u>28,453</u>	<u>28,517</u>
Excess of revenue over expenditure for the year	\$ -	\$ -





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Committees, Events & Support of Community Initiatives:

- *Crime Prevention Council*
- *LFO Funding Application*
- *VAWCC Coordinator Meetings*
- *Sexual Assault Resistance Education - Community Consult*
- *Human Trafficking Community Workshop*

Looking Ahead:

- *EAAA Training in Windsor*
- *High Risk Navigation Project*
- *Human Trafficking Coalition*

