



ANDUHYAUN INC.

Annual Report 2014



**Thursday,
6pm, September 18th, 2014**

“The Gathering Room”

**Nekenaan Second Stage Housing
1296 Weston Road
Toronto, ON**



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MANDATE

“To support Aboriginal women and their children in their Efforts to maintain their cultural identity, self-esteem, economic, physical and spiritual well-being”



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2013-2014

President	Wanda Whitebird
Vice President	Bonnie Johnston
Treasurer/Secretary	Catherine Pawis
Member	Lyndsay Kretschmer
Member	Joan Chalifoux (resigned February 13, 2014)
Member	Paula Broeders



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Annual General Meeting

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AGENDA

6:00 – 6:30 pm Light Snacks & Refreshments
6:30 – 8:00 pm Business

BUSINESS

Opening Prayer

Moment of Silence

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of Minutes of 2013 Annual General Meeting
3. Business Arising
4. Message from the President
5. Auditor’s Report
6. Program Reports
7. Appointment of Auditor for 2014-2015
8. Election of Executive
9. Meeting Adjournment
10. Closing Prayer



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Annual General Meeting Minutes – September 18, 2012
Gathering Room, Nekenan 1296 Weston Road, Toronto

Present: Cathy Pawis; Blanche Meawassige, Paula Putman, Tracy Sauv , Charlene Nolan, Peter Dawson, Wanda Whitebird, Kerri Santos, Joan Chalifoux, Lindsay Kretschmer, Bonnie Johnston, Randy Pitt, Stephen Silverberg, Anne Marie Burrus, Lena Recollet, Richard Recollet, Gill Dugan, Melanie Leblanc, James Costello, Alexa Rudi, Eddy Rudi, Vada Rudi, Margaret Morrison, Chasity Morrison, Alyssa Morrison

Note taker: Tanya Trimble

Opening Prayer – Wanda Whitebird

Moment of Silence

Moment of silence was had for the Victims of Violence, and Murdered and Missing Aboriginal women.

The president of the Board, Wanda Whitebird thanked and welcomed everyone for attending the Annual General Meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion: “To accept 2013 Annual General Meeting Agenda as presented.”

Moved: Bonnie Johnston

Second: Cathy Pawis

Carried:

Wanda Whitebird stepped down as chair, Blanche Meawassige assumed the chair.

2. Approval of 2012 Anduhyaun Inc. Annual General Meeting Minutes

Motion: “To accept the 2012 Annual General Meeting Minutes as presented”

Moved: Wanda Whitebird



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Second: Bonnie Johnston

Carried:

Blanche Meawassige stepped down as Chair, Wanda Whitebird assumed the Chair.

3. Business arising - none

4. Message From the President

President's Message – Wanda Whitebird

Anduhyaun had many accomplishments, such as forming new community partnerships, Nekenan maintaining a consistent occupancy rate of 87.75% and a modest success at the Annual Iron Pony Ride. We also met our financial targets for operations while having a modest surplus at Nekenan for the year ending March 31st, 2012.

Although our fundraising goals were not met; we remain committed to Anduhyaun's fundraising efforts.

Appreciation and thanks was given to Staff, Funders and Donors for their continued dedication to Anduhyaun's mandate and Clients.

Motion: “To Accept the President's message as presented”

Moved Bonnie Johnston

Second: Lindsay Kretschmer

Carried:

5. Auditor's Report – Steven Silverberg, Spergel Forster Silverberg & Gluckman LLP

The audited financial statements for 2012-2013 were presented and accepted as is.

Motion: “To Accept the Audited Financial Statements for Anduhyaun Inc. for the Year Ending March 31, 2012 as presented”

Moved: Bonnie Johnston

Second: Joan Chalifoux

Carried:



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6. Program Reports

Executive Director's Report – Blanche Meawassige

Appreciation and gratitude was given to all staff, Board of Directors and our funders; such as the Ministry of Community and Social Services (MCSS), Toronto Social Housing Unit (TSHU) and the Homeless Partnership Initiative (HPI) and the Etobicoke Rotary Club.

Anduhyaun held its 2nd Annual Iron Pony Ride (IPR) on August 18th 2012, which saw a modest increase in donations and Riders. In an effort to increase fundraising, Appeal Letters and proposals were submitted to various corporations and foundations. Regrettably there was little to no response.

Shelter Report – Paula Putman

Not only did we service 292 women, but our client programming has increased in a variety of ways to meet both our mandate and client identified needs thanks to the hard work of our front line staff.

Our appreciation and thanks to staff, Peter Dawson and his students for their significant fundraising efforts and taking part in creating a Memorial Garden.

We would also like to thank management, staff, Executive Director, Board of Directors and the Ministry of Community and Social Services for their tireless support and dedication.

Nekenaan Second Stage Housing – Tracy Sauvé

Nekenaan maintained an average of 87.75% occupancy rate for the year and also welcomed 12 new families, while assisting 12 households in acquiring permanent housing. At year end there were 15 households occupying 22 units.

In addition Nekenaan continues to provide various supports for residents which include resident meetings, check-in meetings, life skill sessions and traditional teaching circles.

Appreciation and thanks went to Professor Peter Dawson and his class, of York University, for their continued commitment to Anduhyaun/Nekenaan by way of fundraising and donations. Our gratitude also goes out to Toronto Social Housing Unit and The Ministry of Community and Social Services for their continued funding and support.

Motion: “To Accept Management Reports for 20011/12 as presented”

Moved: Bonnie Johnston

Second: Lindsay Kretschmer

Carried



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7. Appointment of New Members – None

8. Appointment of Auditor for 2013/2014

Motion: “To appoint auditing firm Spergel, Forster, Silverberg & Gluckman, Steven Silverberg, for 2013/2014”

Moved: Cathy Pawis

Second: Bonnie Johnston

Carried

Wanda Whitebird thanked everyone for coming and supporting Anduhyaun, and that we looked forward to working with them in the upcoming year.

9. Meeting Adjournment

Motion: “To Adjourn the Anduhyaun Annual General Meeting for 2013”

Moved: Bonnie Johnston

Second: Joan Chalifoux

Carried

The Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

10. Closing Prayer – Wanda Whitebird

BOARD SIGNATURE

DATE



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Message from Anduhyaun's President

Annual General Meeting – September 18th, 2014
Wanda Whitebird, President

On behalf of my fellow Board members, welcome to our Annual General Meeting.

We are sure Anduhyaun's original Grandmothers, Vera Martin, Mildred Redmond, Mary Jane Young and Jeannette Lavell, and signatories of our Letters Patent, March 12th 1973, would be pleased that our circle remains strong. Our strength stems from our culturally appropriate services and ceremonies, which thanks to all staff who remain dedicated to our mandate.

The Greater Toronto Area's, GTA, lack of permanent affordable housing is an ongoing Client concern, especially when waiting lists can be 5 years or more. However, we are pleased to report that on the interim, our second stage housing's occupancy rate was 95%, and that we assisted 43 Clients in acquiring permanent housing.

Disappointingly, the Shelter has a shortfall of \$9,989.00; though, Nekenan has a modest surplus.

Thank you to Sheila Nayak, Ministry of Community and Social Services (MCSS), Marta Chisu (Leslie O'Reilly), Toronto Social Housing Unit (TSHU), and Randy Pitt, Homelessness Partnership Initiative (HPI), for the administrative support and funding. We extend special thanks and gratitude to those who have donated time, items and finances this past year; to name a few, Joan Chalifoux, Bank of Montreal employees, the Etobicoke Rotary Club and Professor Peter Dawson.

Last year, we had three objectives, which were to (a) increase Fundraising efforts (b) acquire a New Shelter and (c) utilize the second floor at 1296 Weston Rd. for financial gain. We submitted proposals to host an event as well as a fundraiser position and continued to seek funds for a new shelter; finally, preliminary discussions took place regarding the rental of Nekenan's second floor. For the upcoming year, we will continue the pursuit of these objectives.

Miigwetch/Thank You



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Annual General Meeting – September 18, 2014
Blanche Meawassige, Executive Director

Our best wishes are extended to Stephen Donahue, Maintenance Manager, and Tracy Sauv , Director of Resident Services, both of whom decided to pursue other opportunities.

To say the least, this past winter, was harsh. Like many of our neighbours, the Shelter, just days before Christmas, experienced an extended power outage. As a result, health and safety was a major concern which in turn lead to the Shelter’s closing for 8 days. Hopefully this winter will be kinder and we will not have to use the MCSS funded *backup generator*.

To friends of Anduhyaun who have made generous donations of clothing, food, gift cards and their time, we are truly thankful. Your kindness provides our Clients with that “little extra” during their stay here at Anduhyaun. A special thank you must be given to J. Victor Parker; Rotary Club of Etobicoke and Professor Peter Dawson’s class.

Although our financial appeal efforts increased, regrettably, there was little return. Even so, there were two major improvements that were made at the Shelter and Nekenaa. For instance, Ministry of Community and Social Service (MCSS) Infrastructure funds permitted the renovation of the Shelter’s electrical room and resurfacing Nekenaa’s garage roof.

I wish to thank my colleagues, the Board of Directors and our Funders, Homelessness Partnership Initiative (HPI); MCSS and Toronto Social Housing Unit (TSHU), for your continued support.

Thank you.



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Shelter Annual Report

Annual General Meeting – September 18, 2014
Paula Putman, Shelter Director and Lisa Powell, Shelter Coordinator

The past fiscal year has been a very exciting time for the Shelter. We had an unexpected and regrettable increase in the number of women and children served. At year-end, March 31, 2014 the Shelter was at capacity. With that being said, we were successful in assisting 38 women to secure permanent housing as of the said year as well.

Over the past year we have welcomed Scribble Me Silly, a creative arts program for women and children who have experienced violence or neglect. The program is a customized art program, adjusted to suit our organization specific clients and needs. Clients had an opportunity to participate in a diverse range of art forms such as visions boards and painting to name a few. There was also the BMO Impact Day where workers from the Bank of Montreal came in and with paint provided by us painted the second floor bed rooms, hallways and the kitchen. In addition the Shelter also had visits from Elder Pete Keshane. Regular programming such as resident meetings, Full Moon Ceremony, and Sharing Circles were also done.

At this time we would like to acknowledge Professor Peter Dawson and the students from his York University class for donating \$1,800 in funds. The student's efforts did not end there; they came to the Shelter and constructed a fence which has promoted safety and privacy for both clients and staff. We would also like to extend a heartfelt gratitude to Etobicoke Rotary Club for their continued commitment to our Clients by way of donations. This past year the donations were in the form of back packs for women and children returning to school. Anduhyaun Shelter would also like to thank the Ministry of Community & Social Services for their continued funding and support.

Lastly, we would like to thank our staff. It is the passion and dedication for the clients we service that is the foundation of the Shelter successes and growth. It is our hope that these efforts will always be best reflected in the lives of the women and children we service. With strong will and determination we look forward to assisting our clients with all the challenges they may encounter in this upcoming year.



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Nekenaan Second Stage Housing Annual Report

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Tanya Trimble, *Interim* Housing Administrator and Candice Falby, Program Assistant

The past fiscal year has been a very exciting time for Nekenaan. In addition to increasing residency, we were able to maintain an average of 95% occupancy rate for the year. Nekenaan welcomed 6 new families, and successfully assisted 5 households to acquire permanent housing.

Over the past year we have welcomed different organizations to Nekenaan in our efforts to support our residents' daily lives and emotional as well as cultural spirit. For instance, "Look at Me Now" (LAMN) is a non-for-profit organization that provides self-care services such as haircuts, manicures, hair removal, make-up and massages. LAMN strives to help women feel good and renew their spirits and self-worth. Nekenaan also invited a representative from Toronto Dental Health to speak with the residents about how to attain free dental care in Toronto, as well as helpful tips on improving their own and/or their children's overall oral health. The Toronto Public Library also came to Nekenaan for story time with the families, signing out books and helped our residents register for a library cards. We were also fortunate enough to have Elder Pete Keshane from Anishnawbe Health Toronto visit both Nekenaan and the shelter for a traditional ceremony and teaching.

At this time we would like to acknowledge Professor Peter Dawson, the York University class, and the Etobicoke Rotary Club, for their continued commitment to our Residents by way of donations. Nekenaan would also like to thank Toronto Social Housing and the Ministry of Community & Social Services for their continued funding and support. In addition, we would like to point out the dedication and attentiveness of management and staff, without which we would not be able to have our regular monthly programming such as resident meetings, Full Moon Ceremonies, and Sharing Circles.

Nekenaan's successes and growth will always be best reflected in the lives of the women and children who come to live here.



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Acknowledgements

Thank you to all the individuals, groups and organizations for your generous donations. Your support and continuous generosity, has helped make positive change in the lives of the women and children of Anduhyaun Inc.

Individuals

Andrew Justin Wenchur	\$100.00
Jess Barr/Matthew Brill.....	\$100.00
J.Victor Parker	\$350.00
Joana Malheiro	\$205.94
Douglas Wilson	\$50.00
Frank Bonta	\$481.00
Alice Newman	\$481.00
Kelly James.....	\$481.00

Business and Other Organizations

CAWTCA Canada	\$2,000.00
OFIFC	\$500.00
Ontario Power Generation Inc.	\$60.00
Unifor International.....	\$2,000.00
MCSS Capital Grant	\$90,000.00
Canadian Auto Workers	\$2,000.00
Shining Waters Presbyterian UCW	\$200.00
Peter Dawson's York University class	\$1,800.00
Canadian Women's Foundation.....	\$9,538.00



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Grants and Special Funding

MCSS Capital Grant.....	\$90,000.00
Homelessness Partnership Initiative (HPI).....	\$60,087.00

Gifts of Kindness

Peter Dawson's York University class	Computers & memorial garden
Basketeers	34 Large baskets of household and personal items
Rotary Club of Etobicoke.....	Back to school bags filled with supplies
Annual Gift Basket Drive	70 baskets of personal items
Scotia Bank Campaign	Teddy Bears
H.G. Porritt Real Estate	Gift Baskets
Canadian Centre for Abuse Awareness	Toys
CHUM Christmas	Toys
New Canadian Lumber	\$205.94 worth of product

Special thanks and recognition goes to our friends of Anduhyaun, especially Turbo Cleaning and T&R Renovations.