



## **2025 CYCWAM Annual General Meeting**

**Wednesday April 2, 2025**

**Red River College Polytech - Selkirk Lounge (Building A)**

**2055 Notre Dame Ave. Winnipeg MB.**

**5:00-7:00PM**

### **Attendees:**

Chelsea Champagne (President)  
Victoria Gonzalez (Vice President)  
Craig Calancia (Treasurer)  
Kerry Coulter (board member)  
Kathryn Wolschinski (Board member)  
Lisette Pino Vera (Secretary)  
Ezra Samsom Kreklau (CYC RRCP Student)  
Jodi Parliament (CYC Ndinawe Student)  
Ginelle Giacomini (Chair of Community Services - RRCP)  
Deborah Owczar (CYC RRCP Student)  
April Sinclair (CYC RRCP Student)  
Jessica Hadley  
Leslie Gosselin  
Paula Decosta  
Jenny Albutt  
Adrian Ho  
Migs Beaty  
Krystal Hughes  
Jennifer Lopez (Board member)  
Jason Fillmore (Futures Forward)  
Jenna St Domingo (Board member)  
Katherine Hirschhorn (CYC Ndinawe Student)  
Tammie Kolbuck (CYC Ndinawe)  
Sheryl LaVallee (Interpreter)  
Shannon Graham (Interpreter)

## **Welcome and Land Acknowledgement**

Chelsea - We acknowledge that I work, live and learn on Treaty 1 Territory. We gather on the traditional territory of the past, present and future keepers of this land, the Anishinaabeg, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota and Dene Peoples, and on the homeland of the Metis people.

## **Jessica Hadley Presentation**

### **Ratify minutes from April 3, 2024 AGM meeting**

### **President's Report**

#### **a. 2024 Accomplishments**

2024 was a busy year to say the least. A lot of hard work and effort was put into successfully hosting the 2024 National Child and Youth Care Conference with an attendance of roughly 300 people. Amidst all the planning we were still able to celebrate CYC Week which turned out to be an enlightening experience that inspired the board to initiate a more direct approach to connecting with Child and Youth Care Workers and Organizations. We recognized the financial challenges Child and Youth Care Workers faced and made changes to the membership structure to make it more accessible and affordable (Individual Membership \$20, Corporate \$300). We also went paperless and developed electronic memberships for our members. We adjusted our newsletter to be published bi-annually (Fall/Winter and Spring/Summer) rather than quarterly. One of our Board Members volunteered at the Empowerment Expo highlighting the Child Settlement Agreement.

#### **b. Goals for 2025**

Increased advocacy on issues related to Child and Youth Care impacting CYCPs, the field as a whole and the children, youth and families we serve. So far this year we have responded to one CBC News article regarding the critical role of CYCPs in supporting students in the classroom and are working on responding to the Metis and Michif CFS Strike taking place right now that is impacting children, youth, families and child and youth care practitioners working within this system. Showcase the Child and Youth Care profession from different perspectives and roles we play. The development of the "I Am A CYC" Project was originally intended to be shared for CYC Week 2025, it has since gained a lot of attention

and has become a national interest within the CYC field creating a perfect opportunity for us to spearhead a collective showcase of CYCPs across Canada. Continue doing presentations and building relationships with different levels of member organizations in order to understand the needs of people working in the field and how we can better support their learning and development as Child and Youth Care Practitioners.

Exposure and representation in the community, including representation at the Pride Parade

Host Professional Development days

Honour and Connect with Child and Youth Care Practitioners during CYC Week

### **Financials**

#### **c. Annual report**

##### **Community Builder -**

Total Balance of Acc. Dec. 31, 2025 Total Balance of Acc. Jan. 1 2025

Year end \$26,526.14 Starting \$26,672.02

##### **Community High Rate Savings -**

Balance Dec. 31, 2025 Year end \$19,269.51

##### **GIC -**

Balance Dec. 31, 2025 Year end \$5350.71

##### **Breakdown of money in for this reporting period Credit**

**Membership fees +\$2,700**

**Credit Interest +\$23.51**

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**+\$2,723.51 +\$2,723.51**

##### **Breakdown of money spent this reporting period Debit**

**Admin costs (inc. CYC week) -\$3,249.39**

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**Decrease of \$525.88**

#### **d. Proposed ideas for 2025 budget**

Annual Fees, CYC Week, Hosting Professional Development Opportunities,  
Supporting, Pride Parade Participation

**Memberships Report**

**Communications Report**

**Proposed By-Law Revisions**

**Proposed Slate of Board Nominations**

- e. Vice-President
- f. Treasurer
- g. Members at Large
- h. Students

**Introduction of Board Members**

President: Chelsea Champagne

Vice President: Victoria Gonzalez

Secretary: Lisette Pino Vera

Treasurer: Craig Calancia

Board Director: Kerry Coulter

Board Director: Jenna Sto Domingo

Board Director: Jennifer Lopez

Board Director: Kathryn Wolschinski

Board Director: Jason Fillmore

Student Director: Jodi Parliament

Board Director: Ezra Samsom Kreklau