



Moose Jaw Multicultural Council Inc.

Annual Report 2011~2012



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Presidents Message

Another year has passed of providing essential settlement services and vital programs necessary to assist our clients to live and thrive in our community. We continue to serve our clients with day to day services through the support from our government funders and community partners. Our thanks for your continued faith in our organization.

The dedication of the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council staff in the implementation of those programs is visible thru the strong relationships built between clients and staff. You only have to see individual attention given to newcomers in daily living situations, assistance in communication and in their experience in adjusting to a new life style environment in Moose Jaw.

To the dedicated office staff whom we rely on our day to day operations with clients, outside agencies and assistance with ongoing projects and involvement with our Motif festival we can only say your efforts to accommodate us is much appreciated. Thank you for a job well done.

To the commitment of the Board of Directors, my enormous thanks goes out to you who volunteer their time to be involved in the effective operation of the Council.

Our thanks to our Executive Director, Randy Belon who demonstrates his leadership in building excellent relationships in the community and elsewhere, and in working with the Board of Directors in establishing management processes fitting into our ongoing building of governance policies and strategic goals.

To the many groups within our organization, we thank you for your participation and dedication over the years. Your volunteerism to continue building the relationship and community spirit is how we strengthen this organization and multiculturalism in Saskatchewan. We look forward to even greater support and involvement from our founding members and welcome new members in our vibrant cultural community.

Mary Tkach Vangsnes, President

Executive Directors Message

It is my pleasure to present the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council's Annual Report for the 2011 – 2012 fiscal year. This has been very productive and successful period for the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council, Inc. (MJMC).

We have worked with community leaders, service provider organizations, the City of Moose Jaw, our funders and volunteers to continue to offer services that benefit the heritage, cultural fabric and economic potential of our city. We have delivered a wide range of programs and services to hundreds of refugees and other newcomers building new lives in Canada. For example, throughout the last year we have successfully trained newcomers in language and job-hunting skills and have seen them be successful in procuring employment in many different sectors. Consequently, these newcomers continue to enhance their language development while gaining valuable employment experience to enable them to build a new life in Moose Jaw.

Our achievements would not have been possible without the core funding provided by Citizenship and Immigration Canada and the Saskatchewan Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration. In addition, we get support for special programs from the Moffat Family Foundation, Canada Summer Jobs, the Community Initiative Fund, True Sport, and Student Summer Works (SaskCulture). My utmost thanks goes out to these funders. Their support assists us in meeting the diverse needs of our clients.

The work we do is overseen by a volunteer Board of Directors who give their time to provide governance for the organization. I thank them for the feedback and advice they have shared.

Finally, it is the dedicated and enthusiastic staff of the MJMC must be applauded for the day to day work they do with our clients. Regardless of their position in the organization, everyone's contributions assist in helping our clients build new lives.

Randy Belon, M. A.
Executive Director

Moose Jaw Multicultural Council Mission Statement

The Moose Jaw Multicultural Council:

- Welcomes and integrates newcomers to Canada, and Develops harmonious relations among Canadians.
- We do this through programs and activities that recognize, respect and promote the positive aspects of cultural diversity, and that seek to discover, encourage and develop commonalities among peoples.

Background

The Moose Jaw Multicultural Council is a non-profit organization that focuses on immigrant and refugee settlement, adaptation and integration. It also acts as an umbrella organization for other cultural groups in the city of Moose Jaw and surrounding areas. The Moose Jaw Multicultural Council was formed in May 1974 and is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors.

Objectives

- To provide direct settlement, adaptation and integration services to all refugees and immigrants in Moose Jaw and district.
- To discourage racial and cultural discrimination by encouraging an understanding of and an appreciation for our cultural diversity.
- To act as a forum from which immigrants and refugee's issues and concerns can be collectively raised.
- To promote awareness and understanding between the newcomer to Canada and the community.
- To promote co-operation and mutual understanding amongst Canadians.
- To promote and to encourage the retention of language and cultural traditions as essential components of Multiculturalism.
- To act as a consultant for cultural and ethnic groups or any other groups with an interest in ethnic and cultural matters.
- To represent the interests of member groups in Provincial cultural, ethnic, and folk arts events and festivals.

Core Services

Resettlement Assistance Program (RAP)

The Moose Jaw Multicultural Council provides immediate essential settlement and orientation services for government assisted refugees (GARS) within their first 4 – 6 weeks of arrival in Canada. This year, 36 GARs received Resettlement Assistance Program services through the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council. Numerous changes and restructuring within Citizenship and Immigration Canada affected the allocation of GARs nation-wide and consequently Moose Jaw's arrivals were lower than our anticipated target of 55 clients last year.

RAP services include: meeting and greeting the client at the airport, providing temporary accommodation, offering orientation services, providing assessments, linking the newcomer to community and government programs and services and providing assistance in finding permanent accommodation.

Providing these services has given MJMC the opportunity to assist newcomers to become more comfortable with and adjust to Canadian norms and culture. Clients have been able to gain and maintain a sense of well-being and confidence while establishing a foundation for becoming independent and contributing to their community.

The Resettlement Assistance Program is just a stepping-stone to the larger process of settlement and cultural integration (Orientation). As the RAP process moves to the larger settlement and orientation services, clients are able to gain the confidence to pursue their own goals, further their language training and find employment.

Orientation and Welcoming Communities (Settlement Program)

After clients are finished receiving initial RAP services they are generally transitioned into the Orientation Program (i.e. settlement program). Permanent Residents who are not Government Assisted Refugees are also eligible for the settlement program.

MJMC was able to provide information and settlement support services to 171 separate clients over the course of the 2011-2012 fiscal year. Of the 171 clients, 48 were receiving settlement services for the first time from MJMC. One-thousand two-hundred and ninety (1, 334) discreet services were delivered to these clients throughout the entire year.

Throughout the year, the settlement staff planned and carried out several group and individual orientation sessions on various topics. While certain topics were universal (e.g. navigating through the Canadian healthcare system); others were based on the clients' current needs (e.g. getting a driver's license, assistance with property owners, etc.).

Some examples of services provided include: how and when to write cheques, drug use and its effects and consequences; social insurance numbers and what they are used for; bullying; driver's education information; budgeting and how to allocate allowances properly; and what credit is in Canada and the pros and cons of using it (interest, credit limits, annual fees etc.).

Please note that this list is far from exhaustive. A more complete list of services can be found on our website (www.mjmcinc.ca).

In addition to the above-mentioned individual and group orientation sessions, the MJMC was also able to plan and carry out several special events that the clients could enjoy throughout the year. Special events that took place include: Fundraiser at Bobby's Place, volunteer appreciation BBQ, youth bowling night, youth curling night, Halloween Party, Holiday Party, youth homework help and an International Women's Day tea. Once again, this list is not exhaustive.

Important aspects of the settlement program are recruiting volunteers, raising community awareness and advocating on behalf of our clients. The settlement program was able to help many newcomers understand their settlement options and gain a better understanding of Canada's systems and culture. Through referring and linking clients to outside community services, the settlement team was able to orientate clients on various different processes. Assisting newcomers in understanding how certain community services/programs work has given clientele the proper tools to become independent and gain the skills and knowledge to do things on their own. By guiding clients through these different processes, they become successful in making their own decisions with confidence, and they begin to contribute their skills and abilities to their community, province and country.

The settlement staff has also been able to introduce clients to various activities (social, recreational, educational and/or employment related events) which have contributed to the client adjusting to life in Canada.

Language Instruction for Newcomers to Canada (LINC)

In 2011-2012 LINC was delivered as a full-time English Language class offered Monday-Friday. MJMC was able to provide three multileveled classrooms, which allowed us to offer services to all ranges of learners from pre-literacy to relatively advanced levels. Using the LINC curriculum, each learner is taught how to read, write, listen to and speak English as well as learning about Canadian culture and daily living skills simultaneously. Learners also heard from special guest speakers and went on field trips where they were able to become familiar with their community and its resources.

LINC started the year with 33 existing students and saw 39 new students enrolled throughout the year with an equal amount (35) of students that withdrew/graduated from the program within the fiscal year. Total number of students that were able to access LINC training for the 2011-2012 fiscal year was 72.

Moose Jaw Multicultural Council Regional Newcomer Gateway

The Moose Jaw Multicultural Council Regional Newcomer Gateway began providing services on April 1, 2010 at 432 Main Street North. The primary role for the Gateway is to be a first stop collaborative service centre that welcomes newcomers to the Moose Jaw Region. We assist newcomers in their settlement process by providing guidance, support and referrals in accessing information, resources, and services. During the past year, we have provided 703 services to 170 new clients and our existing clients throughout the region. We provide presentations on relevant topics for newcomers and the community at large. The Gateway also serves as a community usage space as we offer groups a place for meetings, activities, and client services. The service area covered by the Moose Jaw Regional Newcomer Gateway includes Moose Jaw, Assiniboia, Coronach, Davidson, Gravelbourg and communities in-between.

Daycare Centre

Our Daycare continues to operate full-time Monday to Friday where care is provided by staff possessing Early Childhood Education designations from levels 1 through 3. We were fortunate enough to secure funding for one on one care for children who needed a little extra help. Enrolment fluctuated this year: sometimes having as low as 21 children to having 30 children enrolled. The MJMC Daycare has also seen a greater influx of children from the local community which allows both these children and their multicultural counterparts to learn more about each one's respective cultures, thereby fostering mutual respect and understanding. We also offer child minding services in the daycare from Monday to Thursday evenings so that parents who are taking our night language classes know their children are safe and nearby.

Career and Employment Prepration Program (EP Program)

The Moose Jaw Multicultural Council in partnership with Canada Saskatchewan Career and Employment Services offers newcomers to Canada and local employers a unique opportunity in regards to working in

Canada and hiring newcomers to Canada. As a part of the EP Program, participants attended a 12 week Work Preparation Program, which provides a strong basis for successful integration into the labour market. The course includes education on skills development, Canadian workplace culture, resume creation, and job search skills. Some participants also complete basic computer training, first aid & CPR A or B and Safe Food Handling to better prepare them for employment. On average, over 30 clients a month build resumes, assess their skills and credentials, create career plans, and search employment opportunities.

This year 7 individuals were certified in Standard First Aid/CPR Level B/AED Certification. This year also saw 12 people complete the Basic Computer Training Course, 9 people completed the Public Health's Safe Food Handling Certificate Course, and 7 people completed the Employment Workshop.

This year we have worked closely with over 40 employers and have given them support through on-site visits, translation services and regular contact. Throughout the year, we have maintained great relationships with existing employers and have added over 15 employers to our growing list of contacts.

Cultural Sensitivity Presentations

Cultural sensitivity begins with recognition that there are differences between cultures that affect values, learning, and behavior. Such differences have the potential to lead to misunderstanding and stereotypes when they are not understood or are taken out of context. However, human values, norms and understandings vary significantly and legitimately and must be viewed as relevant and valid for people of all cultures. Cultural perceptions and practices are the reality of the person possessing them and affect every aspect of a person's life and their understanding of the world. Therefore, it is crucial that cultural variances are understood to assist cultural integration as well as to address stereotypes and racism (overt, covert and institutional).

Settlement staff at the MJMC offers presentations on cultural sensitivity within our community. We discuss how various cultural factors (e.g. language, gestures, cosmological outlook, etc.) can lead to misunderstandings among individuals and groups. The presentation discusses the differences between immigrants and refugees and outlines the process of a refugee becoming a permanent resident. The presentation also addresses cultural adaptation stages, cultural differences and cross-cultural rules of communication.

Interested organizations can book a presentation by contacting the MJMC office at 306.693.4677.

Summer Program for Newcomer Children

Once again, MJMC hosted a Summer Program for Newcomer Children. The program offers educational programming with a language focus, as well as art classes, physical activities, social outings and excursions. It is the only program in the city of Moose Jaw targeting newcomer children. The program provides a fun and stimulating environment in which the children can continue to learn the social and academic skills needed for the classroom during the summer months. In addition, the program is held on-site at MJMC, with parents attending English language classes just down the hall. The MJMC Summer Program partners with the Moose Jaw Museum and Art Gallery each year for a week of art classes for the children. This past year, MJMC also partnered with Moose Jaw Soccer in putting on a Sports Camp specifically for the newcomer children. It was an incredibly successful summer once again.

Evening English Classes (Stage 1 English)

Evening English classes occur Monday to Thursday from 7pm-9pm, and they run all year. Adult students enroll on a continuous-intake basis. Over the past year, approximately 50 students have been enrolled. Classes have a maximum capacity of 20 students, and fluctuate with demand. The students are divided into two groups, and each group has class twice a week: the beginner classes are on Monday and Wednesday evenings, and the intermediate/advanced classes are on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Childcare is provided at the school, based on demand. It is currently provided for both groups.

Both classes studied vocabulary, spelling, grammar, writing, reading, speaking & pronunciation, and listening. Language-learning material that corresponded to level-appropriate Canadian Language Benchmarks was incorporated into the lessons. Class content was thematically based around settlement topics and Canadian culture. This year, the themes for the beginner class included food and clothes shopping, housing, health problems and medical services, education, weather, Canadian geography, and employment, among other things. Weekly sessions with computer language programs aided students in individually developing their language skills. The advanced class themes included culture shock, Canadian history, government, law, sports & recreation, and winter safety and employment. The students in this class studied higher level vocabulary, grammar, listening and reading, and had opportunities to participate in more complex conversation and writing. In addition, the advanced class was able to attend various presentations in the community.

Volunteers have been invaluable in tutoring students one-on-one or in small groups. Their dedication has provided the students with an additional source of feedback, support and language-learning assistance.

Volunteers

The Moose Jaw Multicultural Council benefits greatly from the dedication and commitment of many volunteers. Our volunteers are special people who give selflessly of their time in areas such as sitting on our Board of Directors, helping maintain Happy Valley Park and working with students through LINC and Evening language classes. The LINC program alone recorded approximately 389.8 volunteer hours spent assisting teachers and tutoring students. Our daycare is also fortunate enough to welcome large numbers of volunteers. Some programs, such as the English night classes, rely on volunteers to ensure all students have individual attention as they work their way toward a better comprehension of English. In addition, the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council maintains a list of volunteer translators and interpreters that speak 27 different languages and are available to assist when the need arises. In total, 27 volunteers gave up an amazing 800 hours of their time to assist MJMC clients.

Media and Communications

Newsletter

- A four to six page newsletter is produced to inform our members and the community about multicultural issues, cultural information, member group activities, immigration updates, and community events. Over two hundred and fifty copies are distributed at each publication.

Displays

- Set up throughout the year in Moose Jaw and at provincial meetings or conferences to profile some of the services and activities the Council provides in the community.

Media Coverage

- The Moose Jaw Multicultural Council took advantage of many free public service announcements throughout the year. Press releases were sent out for special events.
- Moose Jaw Multicultural Council brochures and posters were distributed to businesses, clients and other service provider organizations throughout the year.
- Print Media coverage was excellent throughout the year. MJMC participated in numerous interviews and paid advertising.
- The Executive Director gave several radio interviews and a number of print media interviews throughout the year. These presentations discussed the overall function of the MJMC as well as special events (e.g. International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, World Refugee Day, etc.).
- The Executive Director gave presentations about the MJMC's services to the Moose Jaw Rotary Club, the Medical Lab Technologists Association and Saskatchewan Agriculture.

Professional Development

Executive Director

Randy Belon, M. A.

- Resettlement Assistance Program (RAP) Forum
- Charitable Receipting for Non-profit Organizations Workshop
- Settlement Workers in Schools Learning Event
- National Metropolis Conference - Toronto
- Internationally Educated Health Care Professionals Workshop – Ottawa
- SAISIA Conference-Saskatoon
- ASIST Suicide Intervention Training
- Building Inclusiveness in our Diverse Community Forum

Settlement Services

Stefanie Palmer

Settlement Services Manager

- Saskatchewan Association of Immigrant Settlement and Integration Agencies (SAISIA) Learning Event (Canadian Orientation Abroad Site Visits)
- Literacy and Essential Skills for Immigrants Symposium
- Resettlement Assistance Program (RAP) Forum
- Settlement Workers in Schools Learning Event
- National Metropolis Conference
- Standard First Aid/ Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation
- SAISIA Conference-Saskatoon
- Settlement Workers In Schools Peer Leader Training- Saskatoon
- Youth Resilience Seminar- Moose Jaw
- Supporting Multicultural Parenting-SCN Broadcast at Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIASST)
- Supporting Traumatized Children & Youth- Regina
- National Metropolis Conference-Toronto

Ken McTavish

Settlement Services

- Saskatchewan Association of Immigrant Settlement and Integration Agencies (SAISIA) Learning Event (Canadian Orientation Abroad Site Visits)
- ASIST Suicide Intervention Training
- Resettlement Assistance Program (RAP) Forum
- Conflict Resolution Training
- Standard First Aid/ Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation

Joanne Ogilvie

Settlement Services

- Saskatchewan Association of Immigrant Settlement and Integration Agencies (SAISIA) Learning Event (Canadian Orientation Abroad Site Visits)
- ASIST Suicide Intervention Training
- Resettlement Assistance Program (RAP) Forum
- Conflict Resolution Training
- Conflict Resolution Training
- Standard First Aid/ Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation

Settlement Workers in School

Diana Chan

- Settlement Workers In Schools Peer Leader Training- Saskatoon
- Integrated Case Management Training- Moose Jaw
- Applied Suicide Intervention Training (ASIST)- Moose Jaw
- Youth Resilience Seminar- Moose Jaw
- Supporting Multicultural Parenting-SCN Broadcast at Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIASST)
- Supporting Traumatized Children & Youth- Regina

Christa Sanford

- Supporting Multicultural Parenting-SCN Broadcast at Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIASST)
- Supporting Traumatized Children & Youth- Regina

Amber Myhre

- Settlement Workers In Schools Peer Leader Training- Saskatoon
- Integrated Case Management Training- Moose Jaw

Daycare

Nicole Herbert Friars

Daycare Director

- Completed Early Childhood Education Level 3 with the Ministry of Education
- Infant and Toddler Workshop- Play and Exploration
- Standard First Aid/ Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation

Indanah Boechler

Daycare Supervisor

- Completed Early Childhood Diploma with Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIAST)
- The Secrets of Discipline- Ronald Morrish
- Supporting Multicultural Parenting
- Infant and Toddler Workshop- Play and Exploration
- Family Literacy Certificate
- Early Childhood Facilitators Workshop
- Standard First Aid/ Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation

Qing Yan Zhang

Daycare

Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIAST)

- Child Guidance
- Role of Play
- Health Safety and Nutrition
- Observation of Children
- Infant and Toddler Workshop- Play and Exploration
- Food Safe Course

Caroline Mathieson

Daycare

Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIAST)

- Role of Play
- Intro into Early Childhood Education
- Child and Adolescence Development
- Standard First Aid/ Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation

Charlotte Blondeau

Daycare

- Infant and Toddler Workshop- Play and Exploration
- Standard First Aid/ Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation
- Food Safe Course

Ledis Blanco

Daycare

Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIAST Palliser Campus)

- Role of Play
- Toddler and Infant Workshop
- Early Childhood Facilitators Workshop
- Standard First Aid/ Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation

LINC & Stage 1 English (Evening)

Doug Cassidy

LINC

- Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) SK Conference
- Certificate in Teaching English as a Second Language (CERTESL) Class- University of Saskatchewan Online
- Community Focused, Task-based Teaching & Assessment- Regina

Carol Moran

LINC

- Briercrest College – Classroom Materials
- Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) Saskatchewan Conference
- Overseas Refugee Camp Visit Presentation
- Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System(WHMIS)
- Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) Presentation in Regina
- Briercrest College - Teaching Grammar
- Family Literacy with Saskatchewan Literacy Assoc.
- Parenting with R. Morrish
- Family Literacy Romp 'n' Read Seminar
- Community Focused, Task-based Teaching & Assessment- Regina
- Spirit of Community Knowledge Exchange- Saskatoon
- Supporting Multicultural Parenting-SCN Broadcast at Saskatchewan Institute of Applied Science and Technology (SIAST)
- English as a Second Language (ESL) Literacy Training- Online

Laura Butt

LINC

- Teaching English as a Second Language (TESL) SK Conference
- Parenting with R. Morrish
- Family Literacy Romp 'n' Read Seminar
- Community Focused, Task-based Teaching & Assessment- Regina

Employment Program

Monica Muller

Employment Coordinator

- Understanding and Leading Different Generations and Cultures
- Standard First Aid /Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation/ Automated External Defibrillator

Regional Newcomer Gateway

Patricia Davies

Regional Newcomer Gateway Manager

- National Metropolis Conference - Toronto

Moose Jaw Multicultural Council Inc. Board of Directors

Executive

Mary Tkach Vangsnes
Moose Jaw Scandinavian Club

President

Mark Schnell
Irish Club of Moose Jaw

Vice President

Debbie Kreklewich
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Treasurer

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Secretary

Directors

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George Whyte
Moose Jaw Jamaican Association

Sophie Gieni
Romanian Canadian Society

Laura Catling
Romanian Canadian Society

Colleen Garrioch
International Women of Moose Jaw

Janet McBean
Moose Jaw Jamaican Association

Gerald Hicks
Irish Club

Staff

Randy Belon	Executive Director
Gail Ennis	Finance Controller
Janet Zinkhan	Administrator/ Motif Coordinator
Alba Zhou	Motif Assistant
Monica Muller	Employment Coordinator
Nicole Herbert Friars	Daycare Director
Qing Yan Zhang	Daycare Staff
Indanah Boechler	Daycare Staff
Nicole Herbert	Daycare Staff
Ledis Blanco	Daycare Staff
Gobine Kitaba	Daycare Staff/ Housekeeping
Stefanie Palmer	Settlement Manager
Alia Lynch	Settlement Worker
Ken MacTavish	Settlement Worker
Lauren Stennett	Settlement Worker

Diana Chan	Settlement Worker in Schools (High School)
Christa Sanford	Settlement Worker in Schools (Elementary School)
Doug Cassidy	LINC Teacher
Carol Moran	LINC Teacher
Laura Butt	LINC Teacher
Amanda Gerdes	Evening English Teacher
Patricia Davies	Gateway Manager
Leanne Russell	Information Advisor
Michelle Wagar	Settlement Advisor
Karina Zelaya	Spanish Instructor
Stuart Meier	Happy Valley Park
Kailee Brennan	Summer Program Staff
Jaydene English	Summer Program Staff

Member Groups

Member groups that are part of the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council are:

- Caribbean Association of Moose Jaw
- Chinese Benevolent Society
- Latin American Community of Moose Jaw
- International Women's Society of Moose Jaw
- Irish Club of Moose Jaw
- Moose Jaw Hellenic Group
- Moose Jaw Jamaican Association Inc.
- Moose Jaw Romanian Canadian Society
- Moose Jaw Scandinavian Club
- Moose Jaw Scottish Society Inc.
- Filipino Community of Moose Jaw
- Prosvita Ukrainian Culture Society

Moose Jaw Multicultural Council Inc. Funders

Many thanks to the funders who make our programs and services possible:

- Citizenship & Immigration Canada
- The Ministry of Advanced Education, Employment and Immigration, Government of Saskatchewan
- Ministry of Education, Government of Saskatchewan
- Community Initiatives Fund

- Student Summer Works
- True Sport Community Fund
- Canada Summer Jobs
- Moffat Family Fund
- City of Moose Jaw

Moose Jaw Multicultural Council Inc. Affiliations and Committees

- Canadian Council for Refugees
- Multicultural Council of Saskatchewan
- Moose Jaw Chamber of Commerce
- Moose Jaw Cultural Diversity Advisory Committee
- Moose Jaw Regional Economic Development Agency
- Partners Against Violence
- Regional Intersectoral Committee
- SaskCulture
- Saskatchewan Organization of Heritage Languages
- Saskatchewan Association of Immigrant Settlement and Integration Agencies (SAISIA)
- Saskatchewan Council of Educators of Non-English Speakers
- Saskatchewan Literacy Network
- Family Violence Court Assessment Program

Happy Valley Park

Special thanks to the many volunteers and groups that planted flowers, trimmed trees and helped to beautify the park. Thank you to Stuart Meier for maintaining the park in the 2011 season.

Motif 2011

As previous years, the 37th annual Motif was a great success with over 3700 people attending the festival bringing the annual attendance up by 18 percent.

Eight member groups participated by operating booths and supplying food and drink: Caribbean Association of Moose Jaw, Irish Club of Moose Jaw, Moose Jaw Jamaican Association Inc., Latin American Community of Moose Jaw, International Women's Society of Moose Jaw, Chinese Benevolent Association, Prosvita Ukrainian Culture Society, Filipino Community of Moose Jaw and the Moose Jaw Scandinavian Club. As well, five guest groups participated: Peruvian Association of Calgary, Liberian Group of Moose Jaw, and Wakamow Aboriginal Community, Cambodian Group and the South African (Saskatchewan) group.

Many thanks to our MC's were Alison Anderson, Scott Hellings, and Fraser Tolmie. Headliners in 2011 were the Desperate for Haggis, German Jr. Folk Dancers, KG Harmonie Dancers, Prince Niah, Ya La Habibi, Scott Benson Band, and D. O. Slang.

Motif Moose Jaw Multicultural Festival Inc. Board of Directors

Executive

Mary Tkach Vangsnes
Moose Jaw Scandinavian Club

President

Debbie Kreklewich
Prosvita Ukrainian Culture Society

Treasurer

Directors at Large Until January 2012

Secretary

Directors

Yvonne Bernard
Caribbean Association of Moose Jaw

George Whyte
Moose Jaw Jamaican Association

Carolyn Dormer
Irish Club of Moose Jaw

Victor Morales
Filipino Ethnic Community

Janet McBean
Moose Jaw Jamaican Association

Karina Zelaya
Latin American Community of Moose Jaw

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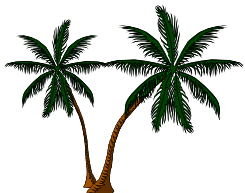
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Member Group Reports

PLEASE NOTE: Any views or opinions presented in member group reports are solely those of the author and do not represent those of the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council Inc. Group reports have been presented as submitted. Member groups not represented here chose not to submit a report for this year.



Caribbean Association of Moose Jaw

Annual Report

2011-2012

In March 2011, the Caribbean Association made its annual \$100.00 donation to Kinsmen TeleMiracle. On March 27, we held our first meeting for the year, at which we made plans for the Annual General Meeting, and made preliminary plans for Motif 2011.

In May, Alan Dill participated in the FoodSafe course put on by Public Health at the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council, and received his certificate of completion. Daphanie Dill received her certificate several years ago while employed in the food service industry.

The Annual General Meeting was held on May 15, 2011. We did additional planning for Motif. The previous Executive was re-elected by acclamation for the next two years. At this meeting the Club also celebrated the 20th anniversary of its founding in 1991.

We participated in Motif 2011, which was held on July 8, 9, 10. The Caribbean Association served curried and jerk chicken, white rice, rice and peas, Ena's beef and vegetable patties, and our every popular pork shishkebabs. We also sold a variety of West Indian and domestic soft drinks. The Abbott Family operated their Sno-Biz Shaved Ice concession in conjunction with our booth.

The Caribbean Association in cooperation with the Moose Jaw Jamaican Association, sponsored the Caribe Folk Arts Dance Troupe from Regina to perform at Motif 2012. They performed a number of dances on Saturday, July 9.

Our group also sponsored Khodi Dill of Saskatoon to do a performance of spoken word poetry on Saturday, July 9. Khodi performed two spoken word poems based on his experiences as a biracial youth growing up in Canada.

The Caribbean Association held its annual Volunteer Appreciation Barbecue on Sunday, August 21, at the Changar residence.

The annual Family Christmas Party for Club members and their families was held on Sunday, December 11.

The Caribbean Association of Moose Jaw wishes to thank its members, and others from outside the group, who helped with Motif and other activities over the past year. We are also grateful to the Moose Jaw Multicultural Council, the Motif Committee, and all member groups for their hard work and cooperation in 2011.

From the executive:

President:	Dr. Ramdath Changar	Vice-President:	Yvonne Bernard
Treasurer:	Ken Pilsworth	Secretary:	Alan Dill

The Moose Jaw Scandinavian Club Report 2010-2011

The Moose Jaw Scaninavian Club was formed in November, 1974. We presently have –16 active members, 12-90+ Life Members, 5 Honorary Life Members (2 Norwegian, 3 Danish students).

Activities: participate in Motif
Scandinavian annual Christmas party
Scandinavian annual picnic
Scandinavian garden in Happy Valley Park

As well, we celebrate the Constitution Days of the five Scandinavian countrire by enjoying an evening meal and flying the flag on City Hall- May 17- Norway, June 5- Denmark, June 6-Sweden, June 17- Iceland, December 6- Finland. We hold our meeting the last Monday- February, April, June. September, November.

We try to meet for an evening meal every other month.

Executive- President- Sylvia Stephanson
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Treasurer- Loretta Wright
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Sylvia Stephanson
President
Moose Jaw Scandinavian Club
March 14, 2012

The Moose Jaw Jamaican Association

The Moose Jaw Jamaican Association Group had yet another progressive year. Motif was again very rewarding. For entertainment, we had the Caribe Folk Dancers from Regina. We served our famous Jamaican style beef patties along with other traditional dishes. Some of the members volunteered in Regina Mosaic. There was also a visitor from Jamaica. We donated and participated in the Relay for Life and also donated to the Moose Jaw Children Hospital Fund. We lost two members of the Jamaican; the founder Herman Nelson and the eldest Lilian Beach, some members went to Jamaica for the funeral. We thank the community for their support and we thank our self for the hard work that we have been doing over the years to keep our club going.

Submitted by: Lucille Beach-Gordon, Jean Whyte, Charrise Beach

Financial Report

At the time of this document going to press audited financial statements were not available. Audited financials will be available for review at the MJMC main office and an announcement will be posted on our website when they have been received from the auditor.