

EVERGREEN SENIORS OUTDOOR CLUB

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, April 3, 2025
12:20 pm at Montgomery Community Centre



Dane Bridge called the meeting to order at 12:19 pm. Quorum was confirmed with 105 people in attendance (102 members and 3 guests).

Everyone was welcomed and Dane reminded guests that they were not able to vote. In addition, Dane noted that Cheryl Inkster had prepared a summer hiking chart which would be circulated in hopes of filling the final 3 openings for Day Leaders.

The Board Members were introduced:

Dane	Bridge	President
Liz	Whitehouse	Vice-President
Barb	Brunton-Johnstone	Past-President
Hugh	Powell	Treasurer
Sharon	Hanwell	Secretary
Johanna	Voordouw	Membership Director
Carolyn	Ardell	Transportation Director
Harold	Kroeger	Transportation Director
Kyra	Fisher	Summer Hiking Director
Douglas	Kosowan	Winter Activities Director
Greg	McKenzie	Winter Activities Director
Eric	Leavitt	Website Director
Jennifer	Aikenhead	Social Director
Kim	Tidswell	Social Director
Peter	Dankers	City Hikes Coordinator
Joan	McLean	Newsletter Coordinator
Carol	Morris	Telephone Coordinator
Carol	Rose-Skelly	Membership Support Coordinator
Peter	Kubica	Chief Incident Coordinator

The agenda was reviewed and added to; Bernie Nemeth moved to accept the agenda as revised, seconded by Jane Ebborn. **Carried.**

The minutes of the last Annual General Meeting on April 11, 2024 were reviewed. Approval of the minutes was moved by Keith Bagnell, seconded by Sandra Brayden. **Carried.**

Business Arising from AGM Minutes: None

Motions passed during the 2024-2025 Board Meetings

Motion: Bylaw VII. Amendments to Bylaws and Policies, Article (2) states: Any changes to Club Policies by the Board during the year shall be presented for ratification by the membership at the Annual General Meeting. In accordance with this policy Sharon Hanwell moves that the following decisions, made over the course of the 2024-2025 year, be ratified by the ESOC membership:

- ESOC have a maximum of 70 people on each week's bus trip. The existing bumping system will be implemented when needed.
- The ESOC cap for Full Members will be reduced to 145 Full Members.
- Guests need to attend 3 bus outings within a six-month period in order to apply for membership.

Seconded by Bob Metcalf. The motion was amended by Marsha Haug and seconded by Anne Lyon, now stating that each of the 3 decisions would be voted on independently, instead of as a group. **Carried as Amended.**

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REPORTS

Treasurer's Report for Fiscal Year 2024-2025: Hugh Powell



Evergreen Seniors Outdoor Club
2654 Signal Hill Heights SW
Calgary, Alberta
22 March, 2025

**EVERGREEN SENIORS OUTDOOR CLUB
(A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION)
Financial Report
For Fiscal Year Ending 28 February 2025**

Financial Reviewer's Statement

We are members of the Evergreen Seniors Outdoor Club and in this capacity and in accordance with the By-Laws, have reviewed the financial statements of the Evergreen Seniors Outdoor Club.

Within the scope of our review, and after examination of the documentation provided to us in the course of this review, we are of the opinion that the financial statements fairly represent the results of the Evergreen Seniors Outdoor Club operations for fiscal year and the position at 28 February 2025 on an accounting basis consistent with that of the previous year.


Keith Johnstone


Robert Perkins

Calgary, Alberta
23 March 2025

EVERGREEN SENIORS OUTDOOR CLUB

Year end 28 February 2025

TREASURER'S REPORT

The attached Financial Statement includes the Balance Sheet, the Income Statement and the Cash Flow Summary for the 2024-2025 Evergreen Seniors Outdoor Club (ESOC) fiscal year.

The financial statements followed the cash method of accounting.

- TD Bank balance 28 Feb 2024 = \$23,445.79
- ESOC Profit 2024 – 2025 = \$3,682.47 according to Income statement
- Calculated balance expected $\$23,445.79 + \$3,682.47 = \$27,128.26$
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- TD Bank Balance 29 Feb 2025 = \$27,128.26
- AGREED

The reconciliation of the 28 February 2025 ESOC cash balance to the TD Bank statement was completed as follows:

- Accounts Payable = \$3,622.50 from Universal for 3 trips in February 2025

The Outstanding Accounts Payable was for the 3 trips in February totalling \$3,622.50 as Universal Coach issues Invoices for each trip but we pay monthly. The last invoice for 27 February was issued 28 February 2025 at 6:00 pm and ESOC cheque to Universal #863 for February for \$5,880 was issued on 3 March 2025

The biggest source of Income was the bus fares \$54,515.00 which included the collection on the bus and the No Shows who paid their fares by e-xf to the treasurer. The biggest cost item was the Universal Coach fees totalling \$52,983.00. As the accounting is on a cash basis with a bus fare being deposited after 2023-2024 year end it appears as income for this year but the cheque for the trips in February 2024 to Universal does appear in this year's cash flow. This year the fares for the last February 2025 trip was posted by TD on 28 February 2025 and so does appear in our Income total. Bottom line is that we're showing a profit of \$1,404.00 for the bus.

There were 41 bus trips this year, 9 cancellations and no bus booked for AGM and Fall Lunch. There were 2343 paying passengers and 67 no shows and the average number of passengers was 50.9. As of 28 February, there were 2 unpaid No Shows from trip 27Feb2025 and hopefully they have since paid. There were a number of members who drove and paid and their payments appear in the "Fare Collection" amount.

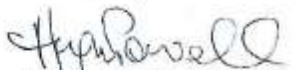
The other big cost items were the Summer BBQ and the Fall Lunch. Both were well attended and effectively broke even. The total costs were \$7,397.00 and the total income including the raffle tickets for the donated baskets for the Fall Lunch was \$7,380.00. Thus there was no need to utilize the subsidy approved by the Board. A big thanks must go out to all the people who

donated items for the baskets and to Setsuko Moulton and the social committee for organizing and preparing the baskets.

As we go into the next year there are some items that may impact our costs this year. Parks Canada are proposing to charge the bus companies to go to Moraine Lake and will ban all private vehicles. Parks Canada have been quite understanding with the parks passes for our passengers and access for buses but as they have been changing access and parking conditions for 'private' vehicles they are looking and proposing different rates for passengers Over and Under 65 on Buses. Universal probably will pass on any significant cost. Universal has been very understanding with the ESOC hiking club with reduced rates in the winter and dealing with the changes in diesel and labour prices. We have a contract with Universal until 31 March 2025. Similarly William Watson Lodge has welcomed us but they have been charging us a \$42.00 for booking fee and use of the main Lodge.

I would like to thank the people who collect the money on the bus, do the reconciliation, deposit the money and send me copies of the sign-up sheets, deposit slips, and reconciliation with comments on No Shows etc so that I can hopefully correctly enter this info into the spread sheets and track payments. Cash is preferred but cheques are acceptable. Bills only and no coins as the ATMs won't accept coins. E-transfers are acceptable for No Show payments and make reconciliation easier. E-transfers are also used for events and memberships but they take a significant amount of time and paperwork to keep track of them as the TD Bank statements don't give people's names, just the last 3 digits of the code. The bank also charges us if we have more than 30 transactions per month and for February 2025, the additional bank fee was \$111.46.

I would like to thank the 2 auditors: Robert Perkins and Keith Johnstone who helped me sort out the reports before I publish them.


Hugh Powell, Treasurer.

23 March 2025.



Income Statement 2024-2025

Category	Current Year		Prior Year	
Income				
Bank rebate	\$	39.40	\$	39.40
Membership Sales 2024	\$	1,040.00	\$	3,781.26
Membership Sales 2023	\$	3,140.00	\$	14.69
Promo items	\$	20.00	\$	-
Donations	\$	43.68	\$	20.00
Other income Total	\$	4,305.08	\$	3,875.35
Bus Fares (Paid on Bus)	\$	53,645.00	\$	60,985.00
No Shows by E-XFR	\$	870.00		
Bus Fares Total	\$	54,515.00	\$	60,985.00
Fall Lunch	\$	4,670.00	\$	3,149.00
BBQ	\$	2,710.00	\$	2,640.00
Social Events Total	\$	7,380.00	\$	7,789.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$	66,200.08	\$	72,649.35
Expenses				
AGM expenses	\$	782.72	\$	408.40
Bank Fees	\$	291.73	\$	266.22
Donations	\$	100.00	\$	100.00
Equipment purchase	\$	157.50	\$	128.91
Gratuities	\$	150.00	\$	195.00
Insurance	\$	319.18	\$	262.50
Memberships	\$	-	\$	-
Membership expenses	\$	53.50	\$	298.34
Newsletter	\$	-	\$	-
Promo Items	\$	-	\$	-
Sunshine Expenses	\$	-	\$	-
Treasurer expenses	\$	127.29	\$	3.50
Website hosting	\$	27.69	\$	1,911.79
Expenses Total	\$	2,009.61	\$	3,574.66
Bus Costs				
Bus costs	\$	52,983.00	\$	53,986.80
Bus Costs (unpaid)	\$	-	\$	-
Park Passes	\$	-	\$	131.05
William Watson Lodge Fees	\$	128.00	\$	158.00
Bus Costs Total	\$	53,111.00	\$	54,013.75
Social Events				
Fall Lunch	\$	4,962.49	\$	4,795.56
BBQ	\$	2,434.51	\$	4,216.44
Social Events Total	\$	7,397.00	\$	9,012.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	62,517.61	\$	66,600.41
Profit/Loss	\$	3,682.47	\$	6,048.94



Cash Flow Summary 2024-2025

Category	Current Year		Prior Year	
Income				
Bank rebate	\$	39.40	\$	39.40
Membership Sales	\$	1,040.00	\$	2,921.26
Membership sales Prepaid	\$	3,140.00	\$	860.00
Promo items	\$	20.00	\$	-
Web Host Rebate			\$	14.69
Donations	\$	43.68	\$	20.00
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Newsletter	\$	-	\$	-
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Opening balance	\$	23,445.79	\$	17,396.85
Closing balance	\$	27,128.26	\$	23,445.79
Difference	\$	3,682.47	\$	6,048.94



Balance Sheet Comparison February 2024 to February 2025

Balance Sheet

	Current Year		Prior Year	
Assets				
Bank Statement	\$	27,128.26	\$	23,445.79
Cash Float	\$	-	\$	-
Pre-paid Fall Lunch Deposit	\$	-	\$	1,000.00
Prepaid Natl Park Permits	\$	84.15	\$	145.35
Pre-paid W.W. Society	\$	-	\$	-
Promo Items (Badges)	\$	400.00	\$	826.00
Total Assets		\$ 27,612.41		\$ 24,591.14
Liabilities				
Bus Payments	\$	3,622.50	\$	5,880.00
Admin Expenses	\$	-	\$	-
Misc Expenses	\$	-	\$	-
Prepaid Membership Dues	\$	3,140.00	\$	2,921.26
	\$	-	\$	-
Total Liabilities		\$ 6,762.50		\$ 8,801.26
EQUITY		\$ 20,849.91		\$ 15,789.88
Prior Yr		\$ 15,789.88	\$	17,274
Current Change		\$ 5,060.03	-\$	1,483.72
Current Yr		\$ 20,849.91		\$ 15,789.88

Prepared by Hugh Powell, Treasurer

Hugh Powell

President, Dane Bridge

2025-03-22

***Additional Discussion:** Hugh shared that the TD bank, and all Canadian banks, will now only allow deposits to be made by signing authorities on the account. He thanked the Bus Coordinators for their work and flexibility in getting the deposits submitted.*

Motion: Mary Melton moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for 2024-2025. Seconded by Erlinda Howard. **Carried.**

Motion: Hugh Powell moved that Bob Perkins and Keith Johnstone be accepted as auditors for the 2025- 2026 year. Seconded by Cheryl Campbell. **Carried.**

Secretary: Sharon Hanwell

Some of the important ESOC documents have been updated and are posted on the Website for your viewing pleasure:

- ESOC Policies (revised October 2024)
- ESOC Handbook (revised October 2024)
- ESOC Incident Reporting Guidelines (revised October 2024)
- ESOC Incident Report Form (revised October 2024).

Members are encouraged to review these documents as they provide helpful information about club processes.

Membership Director: Johanna Voordouw

Hello Evergreen members. My name is Johanna Voordouw and I am the Membership Director. The Evergreens are doing well and the club is healthy. Since March 1, 2024 we welcomed 20 new members out of a pool of 102 guests who joined us on the bus at crucial points. Those guests really helped us to get some of the buses full and the hikes going.

We had 41 Thursday hikes in this season with 2707 participants, of which 120 were guests. Just under 300 members and guests attended the 14 City Hikes. A total of 7 hikes were cancelled.

We had 41 Thursday hikes and 14 City hikes in this year. Including the AGM, BBQ and Fall Lunch we had a total of 2,830 participants, of which 102 were guests. Just under 300 members and guests attended the City walks with Peter Dankers. Still, a total of 7 hikes were cancelled.

Some more statistics:

- 17 of the 41 hikes had an average of less than 50 people on the bus
- the 5 last hikes of this year were difficult to fill. Why would that be?

Our opening totals as of March 1, 2025 are:

- 184 members
- 137 are Full members
- 47 are Associate members
- 17 people did not renew their membership
- 13 full members became associate members
- 1 associate became a full member
- we have been joined by 3 new members.

I thank Eric for assistance with computer issues and thanks to Carolyn, Liz and Harold for sending me the registration lists so I could keep track of the hike numbers.

Additional Discussion: Johanna reminded people to contact the Bus Coordinator after 6 pm on Tuesday and right up to the morning of the trip, if they need to cancel. This may provide someone else with a seat on the bus. Also, ESOC patches are still available from Johanna for \$5.00.

Transportation Directors: Carolyn Ardell & Harold Kroeger

The Spring Summer hiking season of 2024 started April 18 and continued for 29 weeks to Oct 31, 2024. Of the possible 29 bus trips, 3 were cancelled. (Buller Pass, Sept 12 was cancelled, July 25 Summer BBQ, no bus required and Wasootch May 23, cancelled.)

Due to the water main break in early June the club had to be flexible and use an alternate pickup point for the bus. This continued for most of the summer trips until early August due to the Jasper fire, when the Montgomery Community Association was acting as a contact and support centre for those coming to Calgary from Jasper.

I will be looking into alternative Pick up and Departure points so we can be prepared for any future events that may require that we change our Bus “pick up point.”

The Fall and Winter skiing/hiking season started November 7, 2024 and continued for 23 weeks to March 27, 2025. Of the possible 23 trips, 4 were cancelled. (Fall Luncheon November 28, December 26 cancelled, February 13, and March 27th cancelled due to low ridership.)

Our contract with Universal, our current transportation provider, renews starting April 6, 2025 and continues for 2 years, until March 31, 2027. With our new contract we will

need 52 people on the bus to cover the cost at 25.00/rider for the Spring/Summer Season of 2025. There is a slight increase for the following season 2026 and we will need 53 riders on the bus to cover the cost.

We will continue to follow the process for those who wish to self-drive. If the bus is full then no fees will be collected. If, the bus is not full, then the bus fee will be collected from those who are self-driving.

It has been agreed by the club that all outings will be limited to 70 participants. This allows for a maximum of 15 to self-drive and hopefully car pool so that we can decrease our footprint when we are out enjoying our beautiful province. The transportation coordinator listed for each trip can “change” your registration to indicate if you are on the bus or driving. If you register and find you are “shunted” to the drive list, just call or email and this will be rectified.

We will continue with the “lottery” system for managing the ridership on the bus. A member can only be bumped once during a hiking season. Members take priority over Associated members, but again we will do our best to only bump Associate members once during a season. This may be difficult for the popular trips. For the summer trips Guests will always be bumped as the priority will be to Full and Associate members.

I wish to thank Harold Kroeger and Liz Whitehouse for all of their assistance and support during the 2024-2025 Season.

Additional Questions & Discussion: Carolyn shared that she is looking into the Grey Eagle Casino as an alternate pick-up location, in case of emergency e.g. road repairs, watermain break. If members have other suitable suggestions, please let Carolyn know.

It was suggested that ESOC consider increasing the cost of the bus fare beyond \$25.00, rather than cancelling the bus. Carolyn shared that the cap of 40 has been very reasonable and that, as Hugh shared in the Treasurer’s report, the club has managed to make money this year. Bus cancellations are most often due to inclement weather or hiking/skiing conditions, so current practices seem to be working.

It was suggested that ESOC consider changing to a “first-come, first-served” sign-up system rather than using the bumping system. Carolyn explained that the existing system is respectful of all members and that great care is taken to only bump members once in a season. In addition, asking for members to volunteer to drive when the bus is over-subscribed has proven to be very successful. When the bumping process has been utilized, the transportation team keeps the list of people who were bumped and will contact them if cancellations are made late on Tuesday, on Wednesday or even early on Thursday morning. Eric shared that he is part of another club that uses the “first-come, first-served” approach and that it is very frustrating. The bus usually fills within 10 minutes of registration opening but then many people cancel later in the week. Members must keep checking back to see if they did or did not get a cancellation spot.

Summer Hiking Director: Kyra Fisher (shared by Barb Brunton-Johnstone)

Brief summary of the 2024 season:

This past Summer Trip season was very time consuming to administer and co-ordinate. Of approximately 30 trips, about 1/3 were cancelled or changed for a number of reasons. The changes were due to insufficient registration, weather conditions, bear closures, renovations by Alberta and Parks Canada, change of hike destinations and a few day leader schedule changes. Also, Lake Minnewanka was closed for a while between March and May of 2024, so as to not disturb the birth of baby foxes/kits/pups. Any time changes are made to the trips listed on the Summer Trip Schedule it can take days to resolve, as well as involving the Day Leader, the Website Director and the Transportation Director. The summer trip schedule spans 7 months whereas the winter activities happen over 5 months.

Changes to the Position of Summer Hiking Director:

After 2 seasons of being Summer Hiking Director I decided to recruit someone else to take over my position. That proved to be much more difficult than I anticipated. I approached many members but they were either committed to other volunteer positions or else they realized that being Summer Hiking Director was a very demanding position! However, working closely with the membership and board members has also been very interesting and very rewarding! I learnt a lot and I gained a deep appreciation and respect for those volunteers whose contribution and time commitment makes our club, the Evergreens, such a model which is emulated by other clubs.

In order to find a replacement, I decided to involve two members. Sharing the position made it more acceptable as the work load was shared. Deborah Waldock and Cheryl Inkster agreed to take over.

The 2025 Evergreen Summer Trip Schedule was created and entered into Dashboard by Deborah. A committee representing the various hiking levels – A Nardi Meden, B1 Greg McKenzie, B2 Sonja Douglas and C Colin Johnston met with her to respond, react and advise. Barb Brunton-Johnstone was the facilitator. Deborah did an excellent job! She was thorough, spending hours to produce a varied and exciting schedule for this summer.

Cheryl will be working with the day leaders and attending to the kaleidoscope of weekly demands of her position. It is good to hear that Cheryl will continue with the mentorship program which matches an experienced Club member with a first time Day Leader!

I am very happy that these two competent, knowledgeable members decided to volunteer! Thank you both, VERY much!

I will be sad leaving my position, however, before I do, I would like to thank a number of members whose assistance and support in particular helped me so much in my role. They are Barb Brunton-Johnstone, Eric Leavitt, Hugh Powell, Greg McKenzie, Carolyn

Ardell and Sharon Hanwell. As I have said many times before, it is all the volunteers – Board members, Day Leaders and hike/group leaders whose contributions make this Club one of the best! And finally, thank you to all the Evergreens, you are an awesome group! Happy HIKING!

Additional Note: See Appendix 1 for a list of the 2024 Summer Hikes.

Winter Activities Directors: Doug Kosowan & Greg McKenzie

The winter schedule is subject to the whims of Mother Nature. This season, she has been largely co-operative with the major complaint being the lack of sufficient snowfall, thus limiting the range of destinations suitable for the skiers. Temperatures were largely very suitable for outdoor activities. For the most part they were cold enough to keep the snow that did fall, but not too cold to discourage the members from participating. In early to mid-February the temperatures were rising and it appeared we were going to have a very premature end to the ski season. But, in early March a foot or more of new snow and falling temperatures rescued the skiers from an early start to their hiking season.

February 13 was the only date cancelled due low registrations/cold temperatures. However, Peter Kubica organized a 'self-drive' trip for 13 hardy souls. We did not program a trip for December 26, due to its proximity to Christmas.

Fifteen people volunteered to act as day leader. Special mention goes to Barb Brunton-Johnstone, Eric Leavitt, and Hugh Powell who agreed to accept this post on two occasions each.

Greg McKenzie and I will NOT be returning in our current roles as Winter Trip Director(s). Dane Bridge (a skier) has expressed an interest in assuming this role for next winter. The position(s) of assistant, preferably a snowshoer, remains open.

Additional Note: See Appendix 2 for a list of the 2024-2025 Winter Activities.

Website Director: Eric Leavitt

Web Site Performance:

The performance of the web site has been consistent in the past year, with only a few short periods where it was down. I continue to assist people as needed when they encounter difficulties logging on or registering for trips.

Here is a short summary of what the Website Administrator does during the year.

- Web Site Maintenance
- Update plugins as necessary
- Pay subscription fees
- Interface with the website designer, Curtis Fraser, for support as needed.
- Assist Members and Board Members with accessing the site as needed.
 - An example would be resetting a password for them.
- Respond to Contact Us Enquiries
 - Answering people who contact the club using the Contact Us Page – emails are directed to the evergreenseniorscalgary@gmail.com. This typically varies from one to three per week. All messages from people who contact us to ask for more information about the club, are answered. This includes how to join us on a trip, information about our outings, and how to become a member.
 - Maintain the Guest Data Base. With assistance from the bus coordinator the club maintains a guest data base. This includes their email, emergency contacts, and National Park Pass information.

***Additional Discussion:** Eric shared that member suggestions regarding ways the website might be improved are greatly appreciated. The ideas are compiled and when the next website update is planned, Eric shares the ideas with our website designer to see what is possible.*

Social Directors: Jennifer Aikenhead & Kim Tidswell

The two social events for the year were:

- Summer Barbecue
 - 89 people attended at Boundary Ranch.
 - Summer BBQ:
 - Receipts: \$2640.00
 - Expenses: \$3216.44
 - Subsidy: \$7.20 pp
 - Boundary Ranch has been reserved for 17th July 2025.
 - Note: Winston Heights Golf Course is undergoing construction so cannot be considered as an alternative for 2025.
- Fall Luncheon
 - 117 people attended at the Glenmore Inn, which included 110 members at \$30.00, 6 guests at \$45.00 and the bus driver at no charge.
 - Income:
 - Cash received for meals: \$3,560
 - Raffle Sales: \$1,100
 - Total expected income: \$4,670

- Expenses:
 - Glenmore Inn Deposit \$1,200
 - J Aikenhead Expense \$12.08 for tickets
 - S Moulton Expense \$62.64 for gifts
 - Glenmore Inn Final Payment \$3,687.77
 - Total Expenses: \$4,962.49
 - Deficit: \$292.49
 - Therefore, the subsidy per attending members was \$292.49 for 110 members = \$2.66 per member
- Glenmore Inn provided great service and there were a lot of great reviews on the meal
- The Glenmore Inn will be rebooked for 2025

Kim Tidswell and Jennifer Aikenhead will be looking for volunteers to take over the Social Committee for 2025-2026. Setsuko Moulton led the basket making team for 2024/25 but will not continue for 2025-2026. Lorraine Pierce-Hull has agreed to take on the role for the upcoming year.

City Hikes Coordinator: Peter Dankers

Nineteen City hikes were scheduled for the 2024-2025 season but two had to be cancelled because of wintery weather conditions. A total of 454 people took part in the hikes, 418 of which were club members. On average 25 people attended, with a minimum of 12 and a maximum of 40. A milestone was reached on March 4, 2025 when the 1000th participant of the 2022 restructured City Hike program was welcomed. It was celebrated with home baked cookies, handed out by lucky winner Nancy Zaharchuk on the newly installed logjam artwork bridge in the Inglewood Bird Sanctuary.

Some of the most memorable hikes of the season included the Lasso Loop and Valley Ridge in the Northwest and the Lafarge Meadows in the Southeast. The award for the hike with the most people getting lost, but still having a good time, goes to Nose Hill North where a myriad of trails and paths confounded even the most experienced group leaders.

For the 2025-2026 season, look for hikes in new areas, suggested by club members, like Crestmont and Cranston, a revamped route of the Griffith Woods hike, and a repeat of some favourite hikes like Confluence Park.

I am looking forward to see you all on the trail.

Additional Discussion: Peter shared that the deadline for signing up for the city hikes is at 8 pm on the Sunday evening before the hike, so that he has time to adjust plans based

on the number of attendees. Finding sufficient parking spaces at hike locations is often the biggest challenge.

Newsletter Editor: Joan McLean (shared by John McLean)

There are three newsletters per year, posted on the website. An email reminder is sent to members. New contributors of photos and articles are needed. Articles can include trip reports, city hike reports, photos, kudos to volunteers, general interest stories, updates on members...

Please contact Joan McLean to show interest in helping or in taking over the role of Newsletter Editor: joanmcl@shaw.ca Joan will be happy to provide support.

Carol Morris, Telephone Coordinator (shared by Sharon Hanwell)

I have contacted (directly and indirectly) the 3 people on the phone list: Art J., Rob C. and Jo B. Art and Rob will not be renewing their 2025 memberships and Jo will remain an Associate Member. She wishes to remain on the Membership registry list and welcomes phone calls from those who know her. She no longer wants to receive the Newsletter or Membership list mailed to her. Knowing this information, the Phone Coordinator position can now cease to exist and will be rolled into Membership Support. I will continue to phone Rob and Jo and will relay any changes to Carol Rose-Skelly.

I officially stepped down from the Board, effective January 2025. I would like to thank all the Board Members for their incredible dedication and service to the Evergreen Membership. I am certain most members have no idea of what goes on behind the scenes to keep them safe on the bus and trails and keep all regulations etc. in place for a Non-Profit organization. I am pleased to have been able to contribute in even a small way.

Member Support Coordinator: Carol Rose-Skelly (shared by Sharon Hanwell)

Hello from the new member support person. I began my role in late 2024. Many thanks to Cheryl Whitehead and Carol Morris for teaching me the ropes. Since October, 10 cards have been signed by Evergreen members to show support for friends in the Club who have been ill or are recovering from a health issue.

Of note, a condolence card was sent to Carol Wardlaw's family. Carol was a long time ESOC member and was the wife of Norm, a past president. Thanks to Ann Lyon for the special delivery of this card during the postal strike. A few people whom I contacted, chose not to have a card sent to them. Confidentiality is an important aspect of the member support position. Please check that your mailing address is correct on the

website as one card went astray due to being sent to an incorrect address. Please do not hesitate to let me know if any Evergreen member needs support by phone (403-451-8155), text (403-605-9481) or email (cars60@shaw.ca).

Chief Incident Coordinator: Peter Kubica

There were no incidents requiring emergency responses in the past year.

There are now more members who carry Emergency Satellite Devices. An updated list of members who carry such a device has been compiled and placed on our website under: MEMBER RESOURCES/Club Documents/ESOC Incident Reporting.

President's Report: Dane Bridge

The level of enthusiasm displayed by Evergreen club members while enjoying the foothills and mountain terrain accessible to us, the walking areas within Calgary, the camaraderie with their fellow hikers, and the volunteerism is exemplary. The attitude of club members makes club management relatively easy and satisfying for the club executive.

Occasionally there are issues with trail and parking logistics, weather, injuries or fatigue, communication, and delays caused by somebody getting disoriented or challenged by tough snow conditions. These situations sometimes result in our favoured hike not being available or occasionally a long wait at the end of the day. Even when these situations occur, after a bit of grumbling, almost everybody agrees that we had an excellent outing in our nature wonderland. And everybody is ready for more action the following week.

A couple of logistical issues this year were the excessive turnout of summer season hikes and challenges with the relative absence of snow during the winter. The huge summer turnouts had to be managed by restricting attendance so as not to overwhelm the organizers, the trails, and parking. Unfortunately, this resulted in the bumping of associate members and guests. Rounding up enough people for the winter snowshoeing and Nordic skiing has been challenging some weeks but there were only a few outings that had to be cancelled. Perhaps next winter will be great with more members abandoning trips to the Excited States and taking what winter delivers to us here.

There are some volunteer positions available. Give these your consideration.

Appreciation for those completing a term from the Board

A huge "Thank You" is extended to each of the people who have served on the board over the past years. Their willingness to share their skills, time and energy has been greatly appreciated and has ensured that ESOC is a very successful club.

Jennifer Aikenhead
 Kyra Fisher
 Greg McKenzie
 Kim Tidswell

Barb Brunton-Johnstone
 Douglas Kosowan
 Carol Morris
 Cheryl Whitehead

Nominations for Board of Directors and Coordinators 2025-2026

A slate of nominees for the upcoming year was prepared before the meeting and two nominations came from the floor during the meeting.

Nominees:

Liz	Whitehouse	President
David	Fulton	Vice-President
Dane	Bridge	Past President
Hugh	Powell	Treasurer
Sharon	Hanwell	Secretary
Johanna	Voordouw	Membership Director
Carolyn	Ardell	Transportation Director
Harold	Kroeger	Transportation Director
Cheryl	Inkster	Summer Hiking Director
Dane	Bridge	Winter Activities Director
Hugh	Powell	Winter Activities Director (Snowshoer)
Eric	Leavitt	Website Director
Sandra	Braden	Social Director
	OPEN	Social Director
Peter	Dankers	City Hikes Coordinator
Joan	McLean	Newsletter Coordinator
Carol	Rose-Skelly	Membership Support Coordinator
Peter	Kubica	Chief Incident Coordinator

Dave Ardell moved to accept the slate of officers for the 2025-2026 ESOC Board, seconded by Ian Hull. **Carried.**

New Business:

- Proposed Banff Park fees: A new entry fee for individuals on commercial buses is being considered by Parks Canada. The Presidents of many of the Calgary Hiking/Skiing groups are working together to advocate against this fee and more information will be shared as it becomes available. It was also noted that there have been staff cut-backs in Banff National Park which may result in challenges as the number of visitors increases over the summer.

- Emergency contact methods: The Presidents of many of the Calgary Hiking/Skiing groups gathered to share strategies after one group had a member die on a recent trip. As noted by Peter Kubica in his report as Chief Incident Coordinator, a list of members with emergency satellite devices can now be found on the ESOC website. If your name is missing, please contact Peter so that the list can be updated.
- Ability and activity selection: Members were reminded of the importance of choosing activities that are appropriate for their level. If members are unsure about the requirements of particular trips they are encourage to speak to the Day Leader or to friends who are familiar with the route and the conditions so they can make the best choice. Dane also noted that we have more members sign up for activities in the summer than in the winter. If you have suggestions as to ways we might inspire more “winter people” please let Dane know so that we can keep our buses full.

Liz Whitehouse, Incoming President

Good afternoon. My name is Liz Whitehouse and I’m the incoming President for the next year. Don’t worry I’m still one of the bus coordinators and will continue to collect your \$25 but I don’t need any money from you today.

I must say that I think the club is very trusting to let a real newbie member become their president. My 3-year anniversary is this summer.

I want to tell you why I joined the Evergreens. When I retired 3 years ago, I started looking at all the various hiking club websites. I found the Evergreen website and remembered that a good friend, John Morck, was an Evergreen member. I gave him a call and asked if Evergreens was an okay club. He replied very promptly that I wouldn’t find a nicer, more friendly or helpful bunch of people. “Go for it,” he advised, “You’ll love it and won’t regret your decision.” I must admit his prediction proved to be very true. In my role as bus coordinator and Vice-President I have found all the members to be most helpful and willing to offer advice and train me in these roles. So don’t be frightened to volunteer for the club. There are plenty of very experienced members who can help you out and offer advice. In the next year I’m certain I’ll have people to help me.

I will apply due diligence, devotion and duty to the Presidents role - a bit like the late Queen Elizabeth. On my Evergreen wish list for the year is... no pandemics, no burst water mains, no forest fires, only a few mosquitoes, no ticks and perfect weather on Thursdays. I don’t promise to deliver all the wishes but let’s review my performance this time next year.

To finish, I would like to thank Dane Bridge for being President this past year. We welcome David Fulton as the new Vice President. A big thank you to all the Board

members and the volunteers for organizing the AGM. The staff at the Montgomery Community Centre were also wonderful.

See you on the trails.

Motion: At 1:49 pm. Dave Ardell moved that the AGM be adjourned, seconded by Kathy Gibson. **Carried.**

Post-AGM Activities

- Peter Kubica and Greg “the Bear” McKenzie hosted a Bear Safety Training and Bear Spray Demo after the AGM. A large group gathered in the field to learn effective strategies and took the opportunity to practice using the inert bear spray so as to be prepared “just in case.”

Appendix 1

Evergreen 2024 Summer Trip Schedule

2024/04/04 - Johnson Canyon Area – 5 hrs hiking time (CANCELLED)

- A Moose Meadows to Inkpots, back thru Canyon 11.3km 500m; may go beyond if conditions permit
- B1 Moose Meadows to Inkpots, back thru Canyon 11.3 km, 500 m
- B2 Moose Meadows to Inkpots, back thru Canyon 11.3 km, 500 m
- C To Falls (up and back Johnson Canyon) 5.3 km, 263 m

2024/04/11– AGM – short walks in Confederation Park area

- A/B1 “Chris Spence loop” – Charleswood, John Laurie, Highwood (Greg to provide details)
- B2 Walk in Confederation Park
- C Walk in Confederation Park

2024/04/18 - Mesa (Square) Butte-Curley Sand (West of Millarville) –4.5 hrs hiking time

- A Mesa Butte - Curley Sand Loop - 10km 470m
- B1 Mesa Butte - Curley Sand Loop - 10km 470m
- B2 Curley Sand Trail – up and back - 8km 137m
- C Curley Sand Trail - afatp

2024/04/25 – Prairie Mountain area – 5 hrs hiking time

- A Prairie Mountain Loop via West Ridge, 11.7 km 850 m
- B1 Prairie Mountain Loop via West Ridge, 11.7 km 850 m
- B1/B2 Powderface/Prairie Creek Loop 13.5km 370m
- B2 Prairie Mountain, 8.2 km 800 m, up and back
- C Prairie Creek "lookout" / Beaver Falls / Elbow Falls 7km 125m

2024/05/02 – Fullerton area – 5 hrs hiking time

- A Long loop from/to Fullerton (Sugar Mama, Ranger Summit, Snakes & Ladders, Ridgeback then back to Fullerton) 21km 640m
- B1 Sugar Mama, Sugar Daddy loop 12.8km 350,
- B2 Elbow-Snagmore Trail 9.2km 250m
- B2 Loop Fullerton Trail South & North 7 km 200m
- C Elbow Trail afatp

2024/05/9 - Canmore – 5 hrs hiking time

- A/B1 Ha Ling – 6km 740m (*Goat Creek*)
- B1/B2 Highline Trail and 3 Sisters Parkway Loop – 9.8 km 421m (*Hubman Landing*)
- C Canmore: Visitor Centre to Policeman's Point to Legion- 6.3 km, 20 m

2024/05/16 – Baldy Pass – 5 hrs hiking time

- A Baldy Pass & Baldy S. Peak (some exposure & scrambling) - 12km 875m
- B1 Baldy Pass, Midnight Ridge 12km 900m
- B2 Baldy Pass 10km 570m
- C Trail to Porcupine Creek (from Baldy Pass parking) 5km 50m

2024/05/23 – Wasootch area – 5.5 hrs hiking time (CANCELLED)

- A Wasootch Ridge & Summit, 13km 900m (steep, some exposure)
- B1 Wasootch Ridge to 2nd Cairn, 11km 760m (steep, some exposure)
- B2 Wasootch Ridge afatp (steep, some exposure) 11km 760m
- B2 Wasootch Creek trail 12.9km 368m
- C Wasootch Creek trail 12.9km 368m afatp

2024/05/30- Sheep River – 4.5 hrs hiking time

- A Long Prairie Ridge and Sandy McNabb hills loop, 12km, 500m
- B1 Sandy McNabb Hills to High Noon Hills, 13km, 400m
- B2 High Noon hills from Sheep Office (stop before drop to river), 10km 285m
- C Long Prairie Ridge Loop, 6km 150m

2024/06/06 - Whaleback– 5.5 hrs hiking time for hikers to/from south; 6hrs for traverse hikers and out and back from Hwy 22 – Long Drive approx. 6:30pm return

- A Whaleback traverse from South to Hwy 22 15km 550m
- B1 Whaleback trail out & back from south 14km 375m
- B2 Whaleback Ridge out and back from Hwy 22: 11 km, 400 m
- C Little Whaleback (from south) afatp, 10 km, 375 m

2024/06/13 – Castle area– 5.5 hrs hiking time

- A Rockbound Lake 18 km 1015 m
- B1 Rockbound Lake 18 km 1015 m afatp
- B1 Castle Lookout 7.6km 550m
- B2 Castle Lookout 7.6km 550m
- C Silverton Falls 2km 110m plus walk to Osprey nest on bridge near Castle Junction

2024/06/20 – Windy Peak Hills – 5 hrs hiking time 1.75 hr drive (approx. 70km southwest of Black Diamond). Biffy Break Turner Valley

- A Hailstone Butte and Windy Peak Hills - 13km 1000m
- B1 Windy Peak Hills – 9km 680m
- B2 Windy Peak Hills - 9km 680m
- C Windy Peak Hills afatp

2024/06/27 - Raspberry Ridge area –5 hrs hiking time from Cataract parking; 5.5 hours for Mt. Burke – first drop-off and last pickup. Bus stays at Cataract. Biffy Break Turner Valley

- A Mt. Burke 12km, 884m

- B1 Raspberry Ridge to lookout 9km, 650m
- B2 South end of Raspberry Ridge 9km, 400m
- C Cataract Creek trail afatp

2024/07/04 – Wind Ridge – 5.5 hrs hiking time

- A Wind Ridge 14km, 800m short scramble section that can be bypassed
- B1 Wind Ridge Upper Meadows, 10km, 500m
- B2 Wind Ridge Lower Meadows, 9km, 400m
- C Pigeon Access, Wind Creek area, 6km 100m

2024/07/11– Sibbald Area– 5 hrs hiking time

- A/B1 Cox Hill, 14 km 780 m
- B1 Eagle Hill, 15 km 500 m
- B2 Jumpingpound Loop, 10 km 300 m
- C Ole Buck Loop, 5 km 200 m

2024/07/18- Sunshine/Sunshine Village (Gondola approx. \$45) – 6.5 hrs hiking time - Flowers

- A, B1 Healy Pass from Sunshine Parking, return via Simpson Pass, 19.4km 665m (no gondola) A
- Citadel Pass (gondola) 18 km 680m
- B1 Citadel Pass (gondola) 18 km 680m afatp
- B2 Quartz Ridge south (Gondola) 11.2km 480m (gondola)
- B2/C Healy Creek Trail to Cave & Basin, to Banff (no gondola) 8.2km +2.6 km to Train Station
- C Rock Isle Lake circuit from Standish (gondola/lift) 7km, 250m (gondola)

2024/07/25 – Short hikes prior to BBQ – Ribbon Creek area – 2 hrs hiking time (In progress: Specific hike options to be determined)

- A Mount Kidd Lookout, 6 km 580 m
- B1/B2 Terrance Trail, 9.9 km 300 m 1 way
- B1/B2 Upper Troll Falls from Ribbon Creek, 9 km 200 m
- C Lower trails at Kananaskis Village afatp
- Group Leader Training** Troll Falls-Ruthie's Hidden, 7 km 150 m

2024/08/01- Lake Louise– 6 hrs hiking time – after 6pm return

- A Devil's Thumb and Big Beehive, 13 km 883m – short scramble, some exposure
- B1 Mt. St. Piran, 13km 940m
- B2 Lake Agnes to Big Beehive, 11km 725m
- B2 Mirror Lake to Plain of 6 Glaciers trail loop, 10km 575m
- C Lakeshore trail afatp, 6km minimal elevation

2024/08/08 – Galatea – 5 hrs hiking time

- A Guinn's Pass, 18 km 980 m
- B1 Lower & Upper Galatea Lakes, 17 km 750 m
- B2 Lillian Lake, 11.2 km 480 m

C South Terrace Trail to the Village, 9 km 100 m

2024/08/15 – Takakkaw Falls – 5.5 hrs hiking time – long drive

A Iceline/Celeste Lake//Laughing Falls/Yoho Valley loop – 17.5km 850m

B1 Twin Falls – 15.6 km; 663m

B2 Yoho Lake, Yoho Pass trail; 10 km; 500 m

C Takakkaw Falls and Angel's Staircase and Point Lace Falls; 7.5 Km; 175 m

2024/08/22- Tent Ridge, Rummel, Marushka Lake – 5.5 hrs hiking time

A Tent Ridge Horseshoe 10km 823m, scramble, exposure

B1 Rummel Pass, 16km 590m

B2 Rummel Lake 11km 400m

C Marushka (Shark) Lake, 7.4km 70m

2024/08/29 - Bow Lake, Helen Lake long drive; after 6pm return – 6 hrs hiking time

A Cirque Peak 19.2 km 1050m

B1 Helen Lake and ridge above lake: 14 km 700 m

B2 Helen Lake: 12 km, 600 m afatp

B2 Bow Glacier Falls: 9.4 km, 240m

C Bow Lake to Bow Glacier View Point or AFATP: 8 km, 90 m

2024/09/05- Black Prince area –5.5 hrs hiking time

A Black Prince Lake and Ridge above, 11km 780m

B1 Black Prince Lake and Ridge above 11km 780m

B2 Warspite Cascade and beyond 7km 275m – further afatp

C Blackshale Suspension Bridge 6.5km 280m

2024/09/12 – Buller Pass – long day - Larch Season – 5.5 hrs hiking time at Buller; 6.5 hours for A's on traverse as 1 hr drive from Buller to Galatea – after 6pm return (CANCELLED)

A Buller/Guinn Passes to Galatea 18.5km, 1050m

B1 South Buller Pass 15km 900m

B2 Buller Pass trail afatp - 11km 500m

C Buller Pass trail afatp

2024/09/19 – Moraine Lake – 5.5 hrs hiking time

A Eiffel Lake & Wenkchemna Pass - 20km, 700m

B1 Eiffel Lake, 12.2km 625m

B1/B2 Larch Valley, Sentinel Pass – 12.5km 800m

B2 Larch Valley Minnestima Lake – 9.5km.630m

C Consolation Lakes – 5.8km 150m

2024/09/26 — Chester Lake/Burstall Pass – 5.5 hrs hiking time

A Col over French Glacier and Piggy Plus, 15km 700m

B1 Burstall Pass, 16km 500m

B2 Meadow before Burstall Pass, 11km 250m

B2 Chester Lake & Elephant Rocks, 10.6km 400m

C Burstall Trail afatp, 8km 100m

2024/10/03 – Stanley Glacier/Marble Canyon

A Stanley Glacier loop to Bench, 12 km 600 m

B1 Stanley Glacier loop to Bench, 12 km 600 m

B2 Stanley Glacier, 8.4 km 365 m

C Paint Pots to Marble Canyon, 7.2 km, 195 m

2024/10/10- Carey/Muley Ridges (Entrance Ridges) – 4.5 hrs hiking time

A Carey/Muley Ridges + outlier 12km 640m

B1 Carey/Muley Ridges: 11 km, 500 m

B2 Carey/Muley Ridges: 11 km, 500 m

C Horse trail along base of Muley Ridge 6 km, 25 m

2024/10/17 - Banff – 5 hrs hiking time

A Sulphur Mountain Traverse from Cave and Basin 14km 950m

B1 Sulphur Mtn Trail – up and back: 13 km, 750 m

B2 Sundance Loop from Cave & Basin 10km 390 m

B2 Spray River Circuit 12km 400m

C Banff townsite

2024/10/24 – Little Elbow area–5 hrs hiking time

A Forget-me-not Ridge 13.5km 700m

B1 Forget-me-not Ridge North Summit 11km 700 m

B2 Wildhorse Trail toward Cobble Flats 11.5km 100m

B2 Nihahi Lower Ridge Viewpoint 8.5km 450m

C Little Elbow Trail afatp

2024/10/31- Indian Oils – 5.5 hrs hiking time

A Green Mountain to Spaulding Pt 16.5km 600m

B1 Green Mountain 14Km 550m

B2 Mount Hoffman 8 km, 480 m

C Sheep River Trail to Burns Bridge 6.6km, 170m

Additional possible destinations if switch needed from scheduled location:

- Sawmill / James Walker area
- Headwall Lakes
- Dry Island Provincial Park
- Bow Valley Provincial Park / Yamnuska
- Little Elbow (Powderface, etc.) – *between May 15 and Nov. 30 only*
- Stanley Glacier/Marble Canyon/Paint Pots
- Sibbald area – Jumpingpound Loop, Eagle Hill, Sibbald Lake

Appendix 2

ESOC Winter Activities Schedule for 2024-2025	
November 7/24	Barrier Lake Area
November 14/24	Cox Hill, Eagle Hill, Ole Buck Loop
November 21/24	Canmore
November 28/24	Fall Luncheon at Glenmore Inn
December 5/24	Lake Louise
December 12/24	Lake Louise
December 19/24	Banff Townsite & Lake Louise
December 26/24	CANCELLED due to Boxing Day
January 2/25	Kananaskis Country
January 9/25	Peter Lougheed Provincial Park & William Watson Lodge
January 16/25	Smith-Dorrien: Mt. Shark & Sawmill
January 23/25	Lake Louise
January 30/25	Emerald Lake
February 6/25	Canmore Area including Nordic Centre
February 13/25	CANCELLED due to cold: Green Monster/Evan Thomas Creek
February 20/25	Lake Minnewanka with Banff Townsite
February 27/25	Green Monster/Kananaskis Village
March 6/25	William Watson Area, Chester Lake, Elephant Rocks
March 13/25	Lake Louise
March 20/25	Peter Lougheed Park with William Watson Lodge
March 27/25	CANCELLED due to weather/roads: Banff changed from Mount Shark, Rummel Lake