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EBC was founded in 1980. Now 36 years old, we have launched festivals; led a Rails to Trails campaign that spurred the creation of a shared-use path connecting to the High Level Bridge; helped fund the first bike racks on ETS buses; and we continue our work today to make Edmonton a better city to live and ride in.

ABOUT THE EDMONTON BICYCLE COMMUTERS SOCIETY

We work with children, youth and adults to make cycling accessible for everyone, because we believe that making Edmonton better for bicycling improves our city's quality of life.

Whether riding a few times a week, 265 bike-friendly days a year, or year-round, the Edmonton Bicycle Commuters Society (EBC) provides the tools Edmontonians need to enjoy cycling. Established as a non-profit society in 1980, EBC operates two volunteer-run community bike workshops, provides training for children, youth and adults, hosts events during Bike Month and all year-round, and represents Edmonton cyclists at City Hall.

Learn how to fix your bike and ride in traffic. Buy a refurbished bike, or donate a disused one. Meet other cyclists, and help us advocate for a bike-friendly city.

Our mandate is to make cycling in Edmonton safer and more accessible and widespread as a means to improve quality of life in the city. We provide bicycle services, resources, education and representation, to promote the bicycle as a healthy and economical mode of travel.

VISION STATEMENT

Everyday cycling in Edmonton is safe, widespread, and accessible to people of all comfort levels.

MISSION

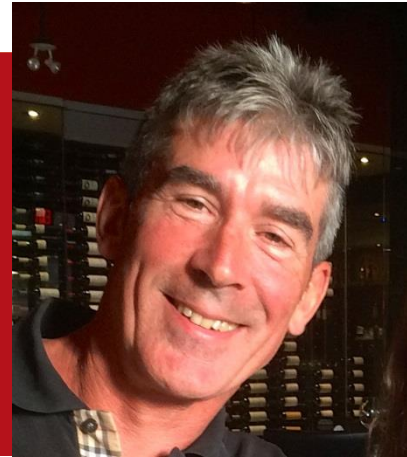
EBC is a non-profit society dedicated to making everyday cycling in Edmonton safer and more widespread by providing bicycle services, education, and civic representation. We promote the bicycle as a healthy, economical, and ecologically sound mode of transportation.

OBJECTS

1. To provide, administer and maintain a multi-use facility for Edmonton and area dedicated to providing cost-effective, do-it-yourself bike repair facilities and access to an environmentally sustainable, economical means of transportation,
2. To educate the public by providing courses, seminars and workshops about bike mechanics and/or safe and effective riding,
3. To extend services to marginalized members of the community as well as new-comers,
4. To facilitate communication between cyclists and governments or others to improve bicycle infrastructure and policy, and
5. To assist the Edmonton community at large in the promotion, encouragement and understanding of cycling culture.



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



JONATHAN WOELBER
President

The Year in Review

This past year has been another exciting year for the Edmonton Bicycle Commuters Society (EBC), filled with both challenges and opportunities.

Most notable, and with plenty of long-term potential, is the acquisition of a home for our You Can Ride 2 (YCR2) program.

EBC has signed an occupancy agreement with Goodwill Industries of Alberta to lease 3,000 square feet of dedicated space in their new warehouse on 114 Avenue and 168 Street. The space will allow us to service and store our entire adapted bicycle fleet of over 100 units. Of equal importance is that the occupancy agreement provides access to additional workshop space set up for bicycle repair and maintenance as well as public space to hold a variety of events. The costs associated with this space are both within our means and sustainable for at least the next 3 years.

EBC has also renewed the lease for our BikeWorks North location for another 3 years to sustain the reach of our BikeWorks community programming in north Edmonton.

Charitable Status

An update on our charitable status application: the application was submitted at the end of December 2015. The Charity Directorate in Ottawa assigned the file for review and adjudication to an officer on June 22 2016. We have learned that the file is under active review and is moving forward. The adjudicating officer has advised that there will soon be a request for additional information from EBC to support our application. This is normal, especially for societies such as EBC that offer a wide variety of programming and services.

EBC board members have been active on a variety of sub-committees: addressing policy and governance issues including transportation and travel policies; financial matters such as consistent expense reporting and authorization, more detailed expense and revenue attributions that better reflect program expenses; membership activity including a streamlined membership application; and human resources including consistent staff communication and meetings, performance planning guidelines and reviews.

During the year, we bid farewell to 3 board members: Alexey Kalinin, Kathy Turnock and Nathan Treloar. Also leaving the board at the end of their 2016 term are Director Rachel Keglowsch and Secretary Anna Vesala. We thank all of them for their contributions and their commitment to EBC. In particular we will miss Anna who has been instrumental in the transition of new board members and keeping the board well-organized. Those will be big shoes to fill. We also said goodbye to our bookkeeper of many years, Neil Carey. As with most quiet financial types, you really don't appreciate the full value of their contribution until they depart. Neil Carey was no different. Thank you Neil.

Director Geoff Hansen has stepped in to fill the vacant treasurer position. Geoff's skills and fresh perspective will certainly be evident in the fiscal management of the society.

Looking Forward

Occupancy of the Goodwill Industries warehouse will provide EBC and YCR2 with new programming opportunities, including bike building, fundraising and events to increase public awareness about EBC and our vision. We look forward to incorporating this asset into our programming and planning for the upcoming year.

Our membership base continues to grow, albeit more slowly than last year. Look forward to changes whereby EBC will be reaching out more proactively to new and existing members in an effort to secure their continued support and capitalize on volunteer interests expressed by new members.

I also encourage members to consider serving on the EBC Board; you can submit your nomination at any time, not just at our Annual General Meeting. The Director position will open up new opportunities for you to promote cycling in Edmonton and work with an energetic and diverse group of people also dedicated to making Edmonton a better place for cyclist of all ages and abilities.

As always, I would like to thank the board, our exceptional staff, dedicated volunteers, donors, sponsors and all of our members who make EBC not just a special place to be involved but also more importantly, a strong organization that provides meaningful benefits to cyclists and the community. Thank you for your support.

REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

CHRIS CHAN

Executive Director

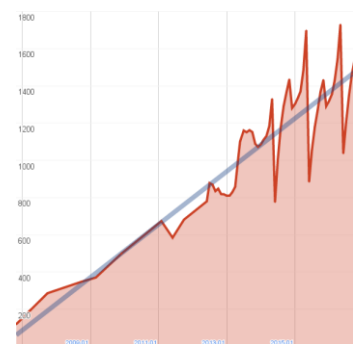
This year has seen EBC focus on maintaining our core programs as they continue to grow, while pursuing new opportunities where we can and planning for the future.

Leslie Bush, our External Relations Coordinator, helped us develop and strengthen many of our partnerships and successful events, but moved on to other opportunities in the spring. Planning ahead for another modest deficit budget and considering our priorities with future charitable status, we have delayed filling the position for the time being, instead operating at reduced capacity while focusing on our core programming. We were still able to hire Brendan Huynh as our BikeWorks Assistant Manager this summer, with the help of a Canada Summer Jobs grant that funded most of the position. Brendan's role has been a valuable addition, helping operate our perennially busy shops.

BikeWorks North and South collectively logged 3166 hours of paid shop time this year, a modest growth of about 5% over the previous year. The paid shop time numbers reflect only a portion of the services we provide at BikeWorks. We also help people find and test ride bikes, search for parts and accessories, rent bikes, redirect unwanted bikes and parts from the waste stream, and learn about cycling in Edmonton. We don't charge shop fees for any of these services, but they do represent a significant part of the value that our volunteers provide the public.

You Can Ride 2's Borrow a Bike program grew by approximately 25% this year, loaning out over 120 adapted bicycles to children with special needs. The Spoke, our youth earn-a-bike program, now has dedicated albeit limited staffing hours, and while it continues to develop it also has led to the pilot of a new program called Upshift, a partnership between EBC and Boyle Street Community Services.

Membership continues to grow, with about 15% growth over the previous year and another new high mark over 1700 members.



EBC membership 2006-2016

While we continue to promote cycling and better conditions for active transportation in Edmonton, a new organization focused solely on advocacy in Edmonton, Paths for People, has allowed us to focus our own advocacy efforts more effectively while supporting Paths for People in their work.

Thank you to our patrons, partners and sponsors who help fund the work that we do. Whether through supporting You Can Ride 2, The Spoke and Upshift, or BikeWorks, or booking us to speak at workplaces or provide bike parking or tune-ups at events, EBC relies on our community connections to enable us to remain meaningful and dynamic.



YEAR IN REVIEW

The past year has been another year of rapid changes and growth. Our programs and services continue to evolve and expand; we highlight only some of them in this report, but constantly adapt to meet the changing needs of Edmonton and to pursue new opportunities.





BikeWorks is the oldest community bike workshop in North America. BikeWorks South has operated out of 6 different locations since it first opened. BikeWorks North opened in 2012, prompted by the success of The Spoke, which began in 2010 out of the old Alberta Cycle Building.



BIKEWORKS

EBC's BikeWorks programs continue to anchor our physical presence in the community.

In the past year, EBC conducted over 25 workshops with over 80 attendees, and over 15 volunteer orientations with over 70 new volunteers. We also completed 80 bike rentals and sold over 700 bikes, helping to put them back on the road, in addition to the thousands of patrons we help with repairs.

In 2015, BikeWorks North faced regular security challenges. While both shops continue to deal with security issues, many of the changes we have made over the past year have improved the situation. We continue to focus on improving the safety and security of our shop and our volunteers while providing a welcoming, accessible space where we can remove barriers to cycling, whatever form they may take.

Over 150 volunteers contributed over 5000 hours, during over 2000 hours of public shop time, towards the success of BikeWorks North and BikeWorks South this year. The skill level of our volunteers continues to rise, in many cases bringing professional-level knowledge to the patrons of our vibrant, volunteer-run shop. Without question, our doors would be closed if not for the tremendous generosity and talent of our many volunteers.

WOMEN, TRANS & GENDER NON-BINARY PROGRAM AT BIKEWORKS

The Edmonton Bicycle Commuters Society is committed to its mandate of making cycling more accessible and widespread. Explicitly, one of our objectives is to extend services to marginalized members of the community. For several years, we have offered a program to encourage more women, transgender, and gender non-binary individuals to participate in our community. These are groups who are underrepresented in the world of cycling, and especially in bike repair.

EBC launched its WTGNB Program in 2010 as part of an initiative to address some of the inequity both in our shop as well as in the broader community of cycling in Edmonton.

We offer a Women, Transgender & Gender Non-Binary (WTGNB) program on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sundays of each month for women, transgender and non-binary persons at BikeWorks South. During this program, the shop is operated by women, trans and non-binary persons and only those who identify as women, trans or gender non-binary individuals can participate in the program.

We have strong policies supporting equitable treatment for all our patrons and volunteers, but sadly, gender-based discrimination still pervades all social spaces, and BikeWorks is still a part of that broader community. We are not interested in preventing those who may harbour (knowingly or unknowingly) discriminatory attitudes from using our shop, but we are interested in ensuring that when anybody uses our shop, they are respectful to everyone and aware of the power of their actions. Our WTGNB program is just one part of a larger strategy we have to address these issues. Anti-discrimination training in tandem with strong policies, and active recruitment of non-male volunteers for other programs are also parts of our solution. Our goal is to make the shop a space where no group ever dominates to the detriment of others, while encouraging underrepresented or marginalized groups to fully participate in cycling and bike repair.

Last year saw increased public attention focused on our WTGNB program. In response, we improved how we communicate about the program and resolved complaints we'd received based on misunderstandings of the program. We continue to receive encouraging feedback about the importance and value of this program. For more information, please visit [our website](#).



If I can bicycle, I bicycle.

David Attenborough





OUTREACH & EVENTS

Despite scaling back our outreach due to reduced staffing, EBC continued to lead or co-organize many highly successful events this year. We worked with Harcourt House to organize two art gallery tours, organized Bike to the Symphony with the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra again, and toured Nuit Blanche, among other rides and events. We also worked with community leagues, media, arts and culture organizations, and other non-profits and businesses to provide bike repair and bike parking services. If you stopped by the Callingwood Farmers' Market in June, Ritchie or Rio Terrace community bike days, CKUA's Party in the Park, the Fringe, the Edmonton Folk Music Festival, or the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra's Symphony Under the Sky, Interstellar Rodeo, Canada Day, or many other events, you could find EBC providing tune-ups or bike parking. We also helped equip Blitz Conditioning and the EEDC's first Bicycle Food Crawl with an array of fantastic lighting: as cycling grows in Edmonton, other organizations are leading their own urban bike events!

Thank you to all of our partners in these events.

EBC also presents numerous Lunch & Learn sessions, freely offered to various workplaces. This year we reached hundreds of people and receptive audiences with our message, providing information about our services alongside brief lessons on bike commuting and bicycle maintenance.

We look forward to exploring further ways to effectively fit our offerings into workplace training, health, safety, and environmental initiatives.





CIVIC REPRESENTATION

Following several years of setbacks in Edmonton, 2015/2016 was another difficult year, but with a very hopeful future.

The well-used bike lanes on 97 St south of 63 Avenue were removed. Prolonged construction of new barriers on the High Level Bridge led to several serious collisions and injuries, while the resulting narrowed width prompted a safety audit by the City of Edmonton.

Bashir Mohamed's much-publicized experience as a target of both road rage and abhorrent racism while commuting downtown helped highlight the tensions. Bashir and others helped focus attention on the real experience of people riding bikes in Edmonton, and the inequity of our streets.

The conversations that came forward out of these negative events, however, are very hopeful.

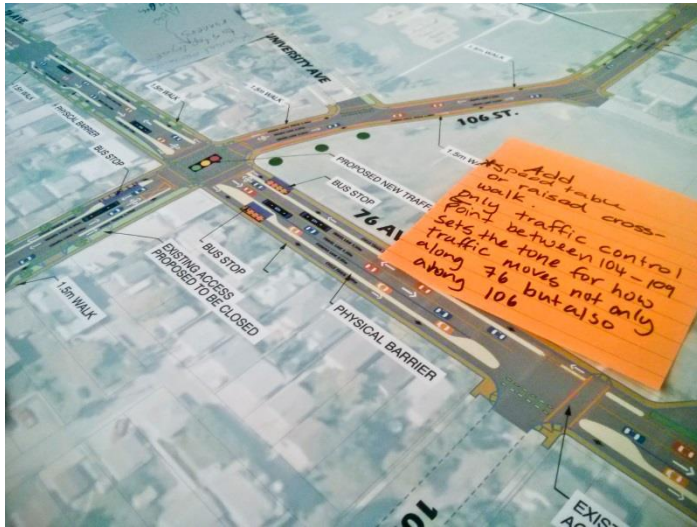
Bashir met with Mayor Don Iveson to discuss his experiences, including how proper bike infrastructure can reduce conflict and tension on the roads, though not necessarily the racism, unfortunately. It also exposed to the non-cycling public some of the reality of trying to bike to work or school: while we generally avoid focusing on such negative experiences, the public needs to be aware that these experiences aren't as uncommon as we might hope.

In another step forward, though the consultants for the City's High Level Bridge safety audit recommended one-way operation, City administration held stakeholder sessions and adopted our recommendations to maintain two-way operation, as well as recommendations to address other longstanding issues and improve the bridge paths. The public discussion also opened an opportunity to revive the High Level Park proposal, to have trails across the upper deck of the High Level Bridge. EBC first proposed this around 1990, and again in the late 90s. Now, with full bridge rehab scheduled within the next 5 to 10 years, we have another opportunity to capitalize the public's excitement about a signature public space.



High Level Park





The continued efforts of the QA Crossroads/Engage 106-76 community group has helped develop the concept plan for 106 Street and 76 Avenue to include separated bike lanes, a significant upgrade over the existing painted lanes.

Similarly, a community-driven effort is now pushing for protected bike lanes along 101 Avenue in the Greater Hardisty area.

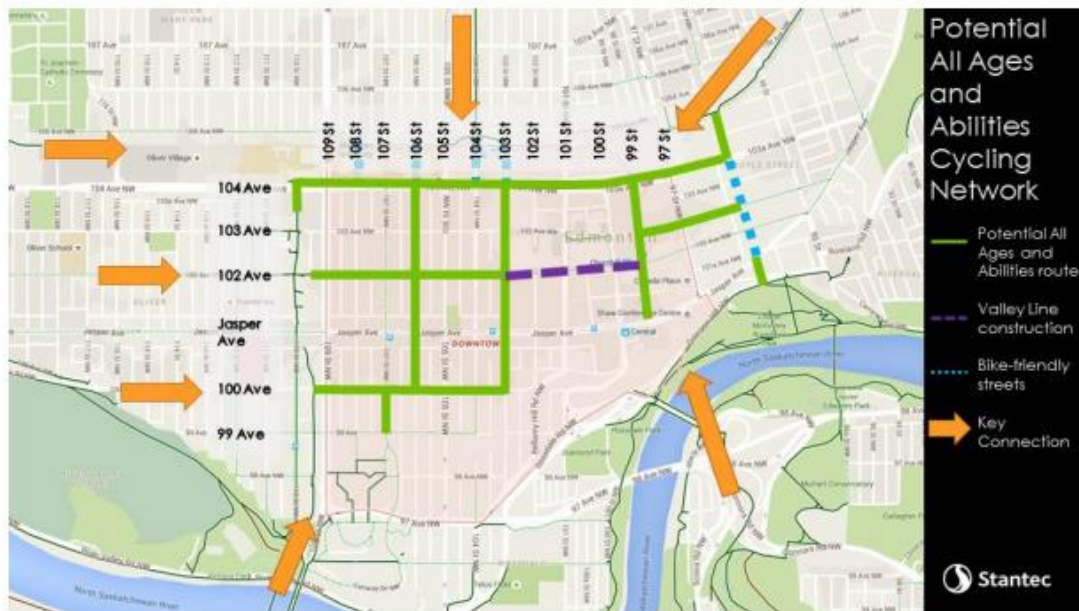
Progress is continuing along the construction of the 83 Avenue and 102 Avenue protected bike

lanes.

And, most significantly, Paths for People and Stantec helped lead Edmonton into the modern era of urban cities by pushing City Hall to study a Calgary-like network of protected bike lanes in the city's core.

While the plan is not yet approved or funded, we are very hopeful that Edmonton has turned a corner and is finally willing to make serious efforts to improve active transportation options, so that more people of all ages can choose to walk or ride in safety.

Figure 34 Map of Recommended Network





THE SPOKE

The Spoke is a free earn-a-bike program for youth aged 12-17. The program equips youth for cycling by providing equipment, knowledge and an urban adventure. Over the course of a 7-week program, participants learn how to repair and maintain a bike, from start to finish. Each participant leaves The Spoke with their very own bicycle!

Beyond the goal of cycling, the Spoke opens up a world where youth learn that they're capable of fixing their bikes and a world where people share knowledge and revel in the delight of planning the next adventure. The Spoke is about building relationships, community, ability, and confidence.

The Spoke ran three sessions this year, each with 4-6 participants and a similar number of volunteer mentors. Participants are nominated to the program. A significant portion of our youth participants have limited financial means and face other challenges, so the bikes they build carry a special sense of pride and independence, and the community connections they build at the Spoke help provide context.

The power of the bicycle and the power of community are clear to us.

Thank you to our awesome volunteer Spoke-stars for your time and gentle approach to learning. You allow the power of community and self-confidence make its way into the lives of the Spoke youth.

"Austin doesn't say much and is easily overwhelmed by human interaction. He is a youth who is autistic and almost non-verbal. His caregiver was astonished after our first session, because Austin took his turn introducing himself and telling us about his biking experience — apparently he had never spoken up in a big group before, let alone a group of strangers. On the last night of the session, we pulled into BikeWorks North after the ride, Austin kept going. Derek, one of the volunteers, had to follow him to bring him back. He surprised us again at the end of our ride by enthusiastically and loudly telling us about how helmets prevent concussions and how to tell if your helmet fits right, spelling out the differences between hockey and bike helmets. He's also an awesome bike rider!"

"Before the first session had started, at a point when we thought we might have too many youth to handle, a woman phoned and begged for her son to be part of the program. His parents are going through a divorce and she said that he loves bikes, his was stolen, and he really needs something to feel good about. Of course I let him in. He had the best attendance and performed the most mechanical feats. This youth went from a boastful, anxious, distractible participant, to one who, in the end, glowed with calm confidence. "

— Molly Turnbull, Spoke Coordinator

This year we partnered with Boyle Street Community Services (BSCS) to pilot a new program, Upshift, modeled after the Spoke. Upshift is also an earn-a-bike program, providing participants with an introduction to mechanical skills, a bike and accessories, while fostering relationships and building community. The direct goal of Upshift is to build a bike, with the help of volunteers in our community space, but creating a sense of belonging and sharing knowledge is embedded in the model.



For this pilot, three people between the ages of 18 and 23 participated. Each faced challenges that made participation in programs difficult, including lack of consistent safe housing, addictions, food scarcity, or concerns about threats to their safety outside of the program.

Thanks to our amazing volunteers, we maintained a one-to-one ratio of volunteer mechanic mentors to program participants.

BSCS provided support for these youth during Upshift, as they do every day in other areas. In addition to the skills developed by participants, EBC also learned a lot from this partnership with BSCS. We are now exploring ways to partner with BSCS and other organizations to be able to allow their clients to use our regular services at reduced rates or for free, potentially subsidized by the partner organization. We already work with patrons to find ways to keep our services accessible for everyone, regardless of financial means, but formalizing partnerships will open our doors wider.

The Upshift program brings hope for the future, furthering EBC's objectives as a society. EBC has had a long history with BSCS, providing bike parts and tools and visiting to offer tune-ups as far back as 25 years ago, and we look forward to further developing Upshift in the coming years.



YOU
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RIDE



YOU CAN RIDE 2

YCR2 began as a Learn-to-Ride course for children with special needs in 2003. We launched our Borrow-a-Bike program in 2013. This year, the program fit 122 Edmonton-area children with adapted bikes.

In 2003, a pediatric physiotherapist teamed up with a cyclist and mechanic from EBC to offer the first community based Learn to Ride course for children with special needs. The partnership between the therapy and cycling communities was unique and resulted in an exceptional learning opportunity for all involved. This has evolved into You Can Ride 2 (YCR2).

The Learn to Ride program is offered each spring for children aged 8 and up. The program teaches children with disabilities to ride two wheeled bikes. Up to 3 volunteers per child work to identify challenges, help the children set goals, and overcome fears. Over the course of the program's 14 years, we've incorporated the knowledge of cyclists, therapists (physiotherapists and occupational therapists), and educators, to develop effective cycling instruction strategies, teaching over 100 kids to ride. YCR2's creator, Janine Halayko has shaped the program based on research, participant feedback, and the valuable insights of the volunteer teachers. The program has held train-the-trainer sessions, teaching dozens of other instructors. Now the course is available in 14 communities around Alberta.

This year 12 children participated in the Learn to Ride program. We inspect and perform maintenance on each child's bike at the start of the program.

The other side of YCR2 is its Borrow a Bike program, which rents bikes to children who can't ride two-wheeled bikes. Many of the participants couldn't ride an "off-the-shelf" adaptive bike, but our mechanics and therapists fit each bike to suit each child, installing specialized components and making modifications specific to the child's needs.

Our main goal is loan out adaptive bicycles to children who would otherwise not be able to participate in cycling. We buy bikes, modified components, improve and design new modifications, coordinate hundreds of volunteers, run intensely focused events, and gather information from parents and families so that we can find the best matching bike for every child.

The bikes in our fleet range in value from \$700 to \$7500. Through our program, when a child's needs change or the child gets too big for a bike, the family isn't faced with buying another bike. We charge a modest fee for rentals, but waive the fee for low-income families and families who support the program through volunteering.

Our fleet this year has increased from 120 bikes to over 130 bikes. With over 2000 volunteer hours a year, therapists, mechanics and other volunteers helped get 122 children riding adaptive bikes. Those children were then able to participate in cycling activities with their families. For some children, this might be the only opportunity for them to participate in physical activity with their family and friends.

Amongst the participants that their families, there is a great need for increased opportunities to move and to be social. The physiotherapists and occupational therapists, who have contributed thousands of professional volunteer hours to the program over the years, attest to the need in the community and the impact a bike can have on each child's quality of life. Many of the children use cycling as a strengthening activity. Over 50% of the children in the program this year use a wheelchair on at least a

All but one child was able to balance and ride at the end of this year's program. The one child who was not able to is part of a larger YCR2 story. He has Down syndrome and autism. He and his family are enthusiastic cyclists. They're focused on the immediate benefits of physical activity, and also the long term goal of independent cycling. The child's family has been part of the Borrow a Bike program for 3 years. The child has gained a great deal more coordination and strength from riding the adaptive bike. Although we couldn't help him learn to ride a two-wheeler just yet, it's clear that as he matures and gains strength, the family's goal of riding bicycles together is possible. Our services provide equipment, knowledge, and encouragement to improve the lives of children with disabilities and their families.

part time basis. This is an excellent therapeutic activity and every year at least 2-5 children in our program use the bikes in their post-surgical rehabilitation programs, with an additional 10-20 as part of regular therapy. Others have found that the bikes simply open doors to getting to know their neighbours—one family said that they never had as many people come up to them on their walks as they had when they used the bike.

The Borrow a Bike program continues to partner with universities whose students provide videos, evaluation tools, sponsorship strategies, modification design, and promotional strategies. We also educate others who are trying to provide similar services in other municipalities across the country.

Thanks to funding from last year's Field Law Community Fund, YCR2 was able to develop a new software system that has already saved hundreds of volunteer hours.

YCR2 is a strong community organization. We continue to build relationships with organizations and community groups, we evaluate and shape our program to fit the needs of the community, we share our knowledge through train the trainer programs for therapists in Edmonton and around Alberta, and we develop technology for the bikes where no commercial solutions exist.

As a testament to the hard working volunteers and support of our partners and sponsors, YCR2 received the Silver Laurel Award from the Duncan Craig Laurel Awards. We're thrilled to have been recognized by this prestigious organization.



SPONSORS & DONORS

EBC would like to extend a special thank you to the Children's Ability Fund, Optimist Club of Beverly, and the Rotary Club of Sherwood Park for their support of You Can Ride 2.

The City of Edmonton, through its Community Investment Operating Grant, also helps enable EBC to continue providing our services to the public, and the Government of Canada's Canada Summer Jobs grant allowed us to hire an assistant manager for BikeWorks.

We have many other sponsors and partners, including smaller donors, private individual donors, and business partners who offer benefits to our members. Our membership revenue accounts for a significant portion of our budget. Thank you to all of our supporters, big and small, without whom we could not have the kind of impact in the community that we strive for.

View our list of sponsors and partners at <http://edmontonbikes.ca/sponsors>

GOVERNANCE & STAFF

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Brendan Huynh, BikeWorks Assistant Manager (to July 2016)
Keith Hallgren, Bicycle Assembler (to July 2016)
Leslie Bush, External Relations Coordinator (to March 2016)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

EBC is in good financial health, with significant cash reserves. Last year, the board presented a deficit budget of -14,428.36 for 2015/16. I am pleased to report that EBC did much better, with a surplus of \$14,850. The key contributors to this were increased casino revenue, and increased grants and donations relative to our budget.

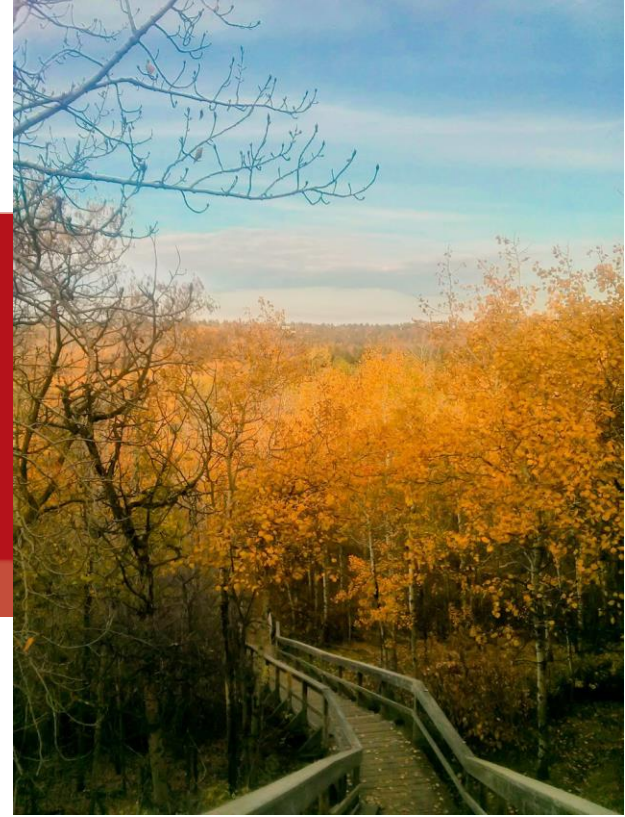
EBC was presented with the opportunity to staff a casino over New Years, several months earlier than regularly scheduled. EBC volunteers rose to the challenge, resulting in new casino funds to draw upon before all the revenue from the last casino had been claimed.

The You Can Ride 2 (YCR2) program brought in over \$39,000 in donations and grant revenue.

Proposed Budget 2016/2017

Our 2016/17 budget projects a deficit of approximately \$14,000, similar to the original budget of 2015/16. A few changes to note, relative to last year's budget:

- Sales are up — we anticipate some increase in the volume of sales
- Grants/Donations are up (primarily YCR2)
- Staffing costs — increased staffing levels for the entire fiscal year
- Program spending is up (primarily YCR2)
- Increased cost of sales — consistent with increased sales and increased costs of imported parts/supplies



GEOFF HANSEN
TREASURER

As mentioned in the President's report, EBC has signed an occupancy agreement with Goodwill Industries of Alberta. The occupancy agreement is unique in that there is no monthly rental cost to EBC. Instead, EBC has committed to three capital contributions of \$25,000 each over 10 years and to pay out-of-pocket occupancy costs (power, security, administration, etc.). The capital contributions allow Goodwill to acquire matching grants to defray the costs of improvements that will provide us with dedicated secure space, shared use workshops, and public space.

The funds for the first capital contribution as well as for occupancy costs for the next three years are held in a segregated account for the YCR2 program and are earmarked solely for that purpose. Although the Board is confident that this agreement will serve EBC well over the whole time period, EBC has the option of withdrawing from the arrangement before the second and third capital contributions are due.

EBC has sufficient cash reserves to fund modest operating deficits for several years, but this is not sustainable for the long term. We are hopeful that our application for Charitable Status will be approved in the coming year. The EBC Board of Directors is confident that this change will provide the financial resources needed to meet the growing demand for EBC services and programming. Should it be approved, the Board plans to add a resource to help with additional fundraising, which will lead to an increase in staffing costs, and a larger increase to revenue.



Edmonton Bicycle Commuters Society Comparative Balance Sheet

	As at Aug 31, 2016	As at Aug 31, 2015
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash	238,905.93	213,850.32
Other Current Assets	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total Current Assets	<u>238,905.93</u>	<u>213,850.32</u>
Non-Current Assets	<u>7,461.73</u>	<u>7,615.23</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>246,367.66</u></u>	<u><u>221,465.55</u></u>
LIABILITY		
Accounts Payable	26,787.68	35,161.28
Deferred Revenue	<u>84,935.04</u>	<u>65,652.93</u>
TOTAL LIABILITY	<u>111,722.72</u>	<u>100,814.21</u>
EQUITY		
Retained Earnings	<u>134,544.94</u>	<u>120,651.27</u>
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>134,544.94</u>	<u>120,651.27</u>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u><u>246,267.66</u></u>	<u><u>221,465.48</u></u>

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We have reviewed these financial statements, and in our estimation, they fairly reflect the financial position of the Edmonton Bicycle Commuters Society.

Jonathan Woelber
President

Nancy Milakovic
Vice President



Edmonton Bicycle Commuters Society Comparative Income Statement

	Budget Fiscal Year Ending 2017	Actual Fiscal Year Ending 2016	Actual Fiscal Year Ending 2015	Actual vs Budget		Budget Fiscal Year Ending 2016
REVENUE						
Sales Revenue	196,017.56	174,926.45	180,060.84	-\$9,030.55	-4.91%	\$183,957.00
Donations & Grants	88,023.00	75,096.40	42,464.84	\$24,224.40	47.62%	\$50,872.00
Casino Revenue	48,830.16	68,212.84	49,807.53	\$7,997.17	13.28%	\$60,215.67
Other Revenue	1,060.00	583.07	934.49	-\$476.93	-44.99%	\$1,060.00
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>333,930.72</u>	<u>318,818.76</u>	<u>273,267.70</u>	<u>\$22,714.09</u>	<u>7.67%</u>	<u>\$296,104.67</u>
EXPENSE						
Staffing Costs	163,414.24	150,273.75	136,009.49	\$3,952.64	2.70%	\$146,321.11
BikeWorks Operating Costs	118,227.72	106,582.06	121,865.46	-\$8,077.34	-7.04%	\$114,659.40
Other Program Costs	51,085.00	36,679.05	15,910.81	\$384.85	1.06%	\$36,294.20
Communication Costs	7,768.32	4,172.06	5,462.19	-\$466.26	-10.05%	\$4,638.32
Financial Costs	7,570.00	6,262.32	6,934.46	-\$2,357.68	-27.35%	\$8,620.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>348,065.28</u>	<u>303,969.24</u>	<u>286,182.41</u>	<u>-\$6,563.79</u>	<u>-2.11%</u>	<u>\$310,533.03</u>
NET INCOME	<u>(14,134.56)</u>	<u>14,849.52</u>	<u>(12,914.71)</u>	<u>\$29,277.88</u>		<u>-\$14,428.36</u>

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We have reviewed these financial statements, and in our estimation, they fairly reflect the financial position of the Edmonton Bicycle Commuters Society.

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LOOKING FORWARD



Edmonton is changing. Protected bike lanes are being built on 102 Avenue and 83 Avenue, as well as 76 Avenue and 106 Street. A strong push to build them on 101 Avenue is happening as well. A downtown grid of protected bike lanes is headed to council for debate and, hopefully, approval.

EBC has signed an agreement to move our You Can Ride 2 program into a building managed by Goodwill Industries of Alberta, a partnership that will solve our storage and event hosting challenges (two of the biggest barriers to growing YCR2), but also generate a constant stream of opportunities to collaborate with Goodwill, as well as potentially provide services and host other EBC events in the west end.

We are also actively progressing towards charitable status, which will open many new funding opportunities to EBC. More revenue will allow us to increase our capacity to provide our services, advocacy, outreach and education to Edmonton.

Meanwhile, organizations such as Paths for People and other community groups, as well as commercial businesses such as Stantec and Blitz Conditioning have stepped up to support active transportation in Edmonton.

We look forward to the challenges of 2017 with great optimism.

