



Board Report • December 2014

GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING EVENT

On Saturday, December 13, O-YA hosted our 13th Annual Gingerbread Decorating Event. We sold 11 houses, had a total of 19 decorators and an extra 11 other family members around to watch. We had a great time! The event was a success. Expenses (gingerbread house kits, candy, silver trays, prizes) totalled \$163.41. Revenue totalled \$325 (\$100 from event sponsor Tammy Wyatt of Royal LePage Gale Real Estate + \$225 from event admission). The event netted \$161.59. Not a fantastic fundraiser, but a great community event and exposure for O-YA. We also made money and had expenses selling b.side cafe items, but that revenue is being counted under b.side.

O-YA 2014 FINANCIALS

Lisa Racine, O-YA Bookkeeper, and Leah Hostetler, O-YA Treasurer, have been asked to finalize O-YA's 2014 financial reports no later than Friday, January 9, 2014. I will use these reports as a basis for O-YA's 2014 Annual Report, my AGM presentation, O-YA's Funding Submission to the City of Ottawa (due January 30, 2014), and O-YA's 2015 budget.

RURAL COMMUNITY BUILDING GRANT; SKI BUS PROGRAM

The second program in our Rural Community Building Grant - the Ski Bus program starts on Friday, January 9 with a trip to Pakenham. The rest of the trips scheduled are:

Friday, Jan. 9, 2015: Mount Pakenham. Leave O-YA at 5 pm sharp; Return to O-YA at approximately 11 pm (3 hours of hill time)
Saturday, Jan. 17, 2015: Camp Fortune. Leave O-YA at 9 am sharp; Return to O-YA at approximately 5 pm (5 hours of hill time)
Friday, Jan. 23, 2015: Vorlage. Leave O-YA at 5 pm sharp; Return to O-YA at approximately 11 pm (3 hours of hill time)
Friday, Feb. 6, 2015: Edelweiss. Leave O-YA at 5 pm sharp; Return to O-YA at approximately 11 pm (3 hours of hill time)
Saturday, Feb. 14, 2015: Mont Cascades. Leave O-YA at 9 am sharp; Return to O-YA at approximately 5 pm (5 hours of hill time)
Friday, Feb. 20, 2015: Camp Fortune. Leave O-YA at 5 pm sharp; Return to O-YA at approximately 11 pm (3 hours of hill time)

SCOTIABANK FUNDING REQUEST

I recently approached Osgoode Scotiabank's Branch Manager Duane Morris to see if they could renew O-YA's funding from the bank (at one time, O-YA got \$10,000 a year for 3 years from Osgoode Scotiabank). Duane says that, in the last while, the bank has redirected its focus towards a corporate sponsorship program. Their sponsorship still addresses community needs and provides economic and social impact to our communities, but they have aligned ourselves with three new priorities (hockey, arts and marathons) that have broad based support. Scotiabank's branch staff continues to do an immense amount of community volunteer work throughout the year for many many local initiatives through our team Scotia program (which is separate from the corporate program), such as the Osgoode run they participated in this summer in support of your centre. Duane checked their guidelines and unfortunately "a run" such as the Osgoode run does not qualify as a "marathon". Scotiabank looks forward to helping out with the run again next summer.

I have asked Duane to provide me with more details about their Corporate Sponsorship program, as O-YA does provide programming in the arts (Drop In) and hockey (After School).



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WINTER CAMP

Winter Camp is on as I am writing this Board Report, and is our most successful Winter Camp yet. We have between 8 - 10 participants registered for either 3 or 4 days of the 4 day week long camp. Activities include baking, outdoor games, skating at the community centre, gingerbread decorating, new year's eve celebrations, board and card games, painting and more.

EXTENDED CHILL NIGHT

O-YA's Extended Chill Night on Saturday, December 20 was a huge success! We ran an 'extended' Chill Night from 3 pm - 9 pm (as opposed to the regular hours of 5 pm - 9 pm). The promoted benefit was that parents could spend some extra time 'alone' close to Christmas time to shop, wrap presents and have a date night without kids. Revenue for the night was \$290.30 (a total participation of 22). There were some dinner and b.side expenses involved. Staffing costs for the night were approx. \$240.

CANADA SUMMER JOBS - APPLICATION DUE JANUARY 30, 2015

O-YA is on track to submit an application to HRSDC for their Canada Summer Jobs program. O-YA has received funding from this program for our full time summer Youth Worker staff for the past 5 years.

CITY OF OTTAWA FUNDING UPDATE

1. I am meeting with new Osgoode Ward Councillor George Darouze on Thursday, January 8, 2015 in Metcalfe to get him caught up on where we are in the City of Ottawa funding increase request.
2. Dan Chenier, General Manager of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services with the City is making good on his promise to guide O-YA through our Budget Pressures request to the City. His last email to me said:
The 2015 budget will be approved by City Council in mid-March. OYA might want to note that the Community and Protective Services Committee will deal with the recreation budget on February 19th. This will be the opportunity for delegations to directly address Committee on budget directions and requests. As we discussed at the meeting with former Councillor Thompson, the 2015 budget will be challenging in terms of addressing the multitude of new pressures. I appreciate receiving the document you prepared and have noted that OYA is requesting a \$69,176 increase in funding. Please let us know if your other fundraising efforts are fruitful and how this might impact your request to the City. I am including Councillor Darouze in my reply so that he is aware that your request has been received.
The document that Mr. Chenier is referring to is O-YA's Official 2015 Budge Pressures Request, and a PDF of this document is also available on the Board page of O-YA's website.
3. As suggested by Dan Chenier, I will be making a presentation to the Community and Protective Services Committee that deals with the recreation budget on February 19, 2015. I'm just waiting to find out more details about how I go about registering for that.



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O-YA POLICY UPDATES

O-YA is in the process of developing several new policies based on incidents we've experienced as they occur. Our newest policy covers Drinking and Drug Use at O-YA and states:

If you're sure that a youth participant has been drinking or consuming drugs (whether they are doing it inside O-YA, outside O-YA or before they came to O-YA):

1. *They have to go home ... right away.*
2. *You need to call one of their parents. It is up to you to decide whether it's the Mom or Dad (although we have had some requests, which I will have told you about in person). When you call the parents, if you need help with what to say, try:*

"Hi, can I speak to _____ (parent)? It's _____ (your name) calling from The Osgoode Youth Association. I'm calling to talk to you about _____ (youth). While he / she was here as a participant at O-YA's Drop In, we discovered that _____ has been drinking / taking drugs (be specific if it's a drug). I'm calling for two reasons. First, we want to make sure you know this has taken place. And, second, because one of our policies is that if a youth has been drinking / taking drugs, they have to leave our program for the remainder of the day / night. I want to make sure that _____ (participant) gets home safely. Are you able to come and pick him / her up?"

3. *You will now be working together with the youth and parent on a Safe Home plan for the youth:*
 - a. *If their parents can come and pick them up, you're good. That's your plan.*
 - b. *If the parents say that the youth has to walk home, make sure that the youth calls you when they arrive home. Tell the parent that this is a deal you are going to make with the youth. Find out before they leave how long it should take them to get home. If they haven't called 5 – 10 more minutes beyond that time, call the parent back to tell them what the situation is.*
 - c. *It should be a LAST RESORT for you to drive the youth home. This should only take place if the parents aren't home, and it is too far for the youth to walk home safely. You should only do this with the parent's permission. Once the youth has been delivered home, please call the parent to let them know the youth is safe at home.*
4. *If you can't reach the parent by phone, work with the youth on a Safe Home plan that involves you making sure they make it home safely (use guidelines above). Put this on the Incident Report, and I will call the parents the next day to notify them.*
5. *Write an Incident Report. Make sure you include details about how you know the youth was drinking / taking drugs, the Safe Home Plan, which parent you reached and how the conversation went (in general).*
6. *Have a conversation with me the next day (this can be by phone, email or text). I will talk with you more about what happened, and from there I will decide what the consequences will be.*

At ANY time during this process, you can call or text me at 613-290-0436. I will help you over the phone as much as I can. If required (and if I'm able) I will come in and help you.

GENERATIONS EVENT; O-YA AND ROSSS CIVIC EVENTS FUNDING

O-YA & ROSSS have had to change the date and time of our Generations Event celebrating Family Day; which we received City of Ottawa Civic Events funding for. The new date and time is Tuesday, February 17 from 5 pm - 9 pm.



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O-YA AGM

A date has been set for O-YA's AGM. Tuesday, January 20, 2015 from 7 pm - 9 pm.

O-YA & OVCA PARTNERSHIP

OVCA expressed an interest in attending O-YA's AGM on January 20, but expressed regrets because their last Board Meeting before their own AGM takes place on the same night. I offered them an 'olive branch' of having their Board Meeting take place in O-YA's Boardroom on January 20 from 6 pm - 7 pm so that OVCA members could stay and attend O-YA's AGM at 7 pm. They have taken me up on that offer, which is great - it will be very nice to have them at our AGM. I have also agreed to attend the OVCA AGM on Thursday, January 22 and give a short presentation on O-YA.