



ANNUAL REPORT

2022/23





OUR MISSION

Social Planning Toronto challenges inequity in our city — through knowledge generation, debate, civic engagement, advocacy, and collaboration — to spark social and policy change.

OUR VISION

An equitable, inclusive, and accessible Toronto — shaped by the diversity of its residents and rooted in social and economic justice.

OUR VALUES

- We are committed to equity, diversity, inclusion, and anti-racism
- We respect the rights, knowledge, protocols, and traditions of Indigenous peoples
- We are independent and non-partisan
- We are stronger through our work with partners
- We are accountable to the community
- We ground our work in the lived experiences and expertise of local communities
- We are persistent and proactive, recognizing change is often a long process
- We value evidence-based decision making

OUR FUNDERS



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A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIR AND OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Last year at this time, despite the many challenges we faced as the city grappled with multiple crises, we believed change was in the air. Amidst record-high food insecurity, housing instability and homelessness, opioid poisoning, mental health crises, workers experiencing burnout, and an ongoing gender-based violence epidemic, we still felt that there was hope and that change was coming.

Over this past year we have seen a further worsening of these crises. And we have also seen some positive change, with more to come.

We have accomplished much together over the years. Although it is sometimes difficult to see the results, much of the change we catalyzed alongside our partners is now coming to fruition. For over a decade, SPT has been calling for an end to austerity budgets, along with enhanced and new municipal revenue tools that would help to redistribute the resources in this city to communities and neighbourhoods that have borne the brunt of the pandemic and inequitable economic and social policies. At times we were one of the very few voices in this realm. Not anymore. During the mayoral by-election this past June, revenue tools and the City's finances were top issues featured in the debates. Now, residents across the city are more knowledgeable and supportive of progressive municipal funding tools and how they can help build a better city. And our current Mayor and Council just recently approved many of the tools we have been calling for.

Last year, we had just witnessed record-low voter turnout for the 2022 provincial election. Now, a year later, more people seem engaged across the city. Through our work around the City budget and the two municipal elections this past year, and our work convening and facilitating engagement amongst nonprofit partners and residents, we see increased knowledge, capacity, and action in policy and systems change work. This annual report outlines in more detail much of the work SPT and our partners have accom-

plished this past year that has led to positive systems change.

Just as change is in the air around us, there are also changes happening within SPT. Maria Serrano, Director of Operations, retired after 35 years with SPT. We will miss her dearly and thank her for all of her contributions to the organization and the sector. We have a new Director of Organizational Systems in place — Kanaka Kulendran, who we are excited to have on board. And now seems like the perfect time to introduce SPT's new strategic plan, which we will launch at the Annual General Meeting. We are excited about the directions and focused efforts the new plan will instigate.

As always, we will continue to work with a broad ecosystem of partners. None of our accomplishments are possible without the support of our members, community and organizational partners, our core funders — the United Way Greater Toronto and the City of Toronto — and our other funders. Thank you!

We also want to thank our outgoing board members — Celia Denov, Sharmini Fernando, Rhonda Frizzell, Neil Parmar, Melanie Rodriguez, John Willis and Max Xhu — for their leadership, dedication and support over the past few years.

In partnership with all of you, we look forward to continuing to push for a more equitable, livable, and just city.

Sincerely,



Shannon Wiens, Chair, SPT board



Jin Huh, Executive Director, SPT

WHO IS SPT?

OUR BOARD



Chair
Shannon Wiens



Vice-Chair
Max Zhu



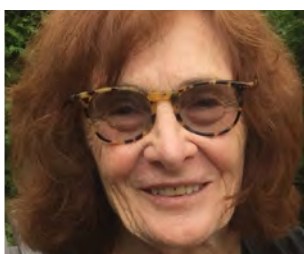
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* former director

OUR STAFF



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Jin Huh



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Maria Serrano*



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A Fond Farewell to Maria Serrano!

Whatever the name — the Social Planning Council of Metropolitan Toronto (“the Council”), the Community Social Planning Council of Toronto (CSPC-T), or Social Planning Toronto — the rock and heart of this organization for 35 years has been Maria Serrano. Earlier this year, our Director of Operations chose a well-deserved **retirement**.

Throughout those 35 years, Maria offered knowledge, wise guidance, warmth, and humour to hundreds of staff members, students, and volunteers. Her dedication to the organization, its staff, and the community stabilized us during

difficult times. We lost count, but she supported and advised at least 13 executive directors!

Maria was no soft touch on the daily challenges of personnel management, but her fair and frank approach earned her respect. She understood what staff needed to do their jobs and made every effort to guide and support them. For EDs managing relationships in the community, it was a great relief to know that the home base was well looked after.

We miss Maria greatly. Please join us in wishing her a wonderful retirement.



Maria and former ED John Campey at SPT's 60th anniversary celebration (2017)

“Maria is one of the unsung heroines of progressive action in Toronto and well beyond, and it is virtually impossible to imagine SPT without her compassionate, supportive presence. It is no exaggeration to say that SPT owes its continued existence to her stalwart commitment to the organization and its mission.

— John Campey
ED, CSPC-T/SPT, 2003–2014



Maria with another beloved SPT stalwart, Mohamed Ismail

“The standard Maria set for selfless service to this important community institution is her proud and undeniable legacy.

— Peter Clutterbuck
ED, the Council, 1991–1997;
Co-Director, CSPC-T, 1998–2001;
Interim Executive Director, SPT, 2018

OUR YEAR IN REVIEW

ADVOCATING FOR A BUDGET WITH HEART

It was a “crucial, but different, budget season” — with a new Council and new mayoral powers that concentrated decision-making authority around the Mayor.

Considering this erosion of local democracy, the crumbling state of our city, and the fact that many are having to choose between food and **housing**, transportation and child care, it was more important than ever that we come together to analyze the proposed budget and discuss what communities need moving forward.

BUDGET EVENTS We hosted two virtual events to do just that. The “Our City, Our Budget” event (the day before the budget release) allowed participants to learn more about the budget, its process, and how it affects the services they use every day. We also explained the new strong mayor change, and the power communities have to create change. A week later, SPT and partners held a budget town hall. We detailed what was in the budget and its impact on programs and services, then held a dialogue with the 120 participants (residents and members of community organizations and grassroots groups) on collective priorities and action.

MEDIA ENGAGEMENT Despite inflation at over six per cent, the budget held community groups tackling the city’s crises to the previous year’s CIPF funding level — a cut, effectively. ED Jin Huh appeared on CBC *Metro Morning* to dis-

cuss how **cutting social supports from the budget** causes issues across the city, and spoke to the *Toronto Star* about **a sector at its breaking point**. This, along with advocacy with our partners, helped to secure a \$1.7M increase to CIPF.

We also pointed out that the short budget timeline and fewer committee meetings would **discourage resident participation in the budget**. We **questioned Mayor Tory’s piecemeal pre-budget announcements**, including in an **Op-Ed** co-written with Progress Toronto. Published on the eve of the budget’s release, it called for Tory to drop the “smoke and mirrors.”

CITY BUDGET WATCH Our **City Budget Watch blog** was back (for a 14th year!) with analysis of the budget at each step of the process. This year we did things a little differently. To give Senior Researcher Beth Wilson more time to act as a budget resource to partner organizations, we drew on other staff to help write and research CBW. This allowed us to publish a whopping 17 posts, including a series of pieces examining alternative ways to spend the \$48M increase to the police budget.

#HAVEAHEARTTO Our #HaveAHeartTO campaign kicked off with a **letter to Mayor Tory**. On behalf of more than 300 stakeholders who participated in our budget events, the letter called for a budget to address not increased policing, but our city’s multiple crises and the major challenges facing residents. We also asked residents to tweet, asking the

Mayor and/or their local Councillor to “have a heart” and fix/change something in the budget.

On the day of the final budget vote, the campaign culminated in a noisy **rally** outside of City Hall (organized by Toronto & York Region Labour Council with SPT and other partners). There, we shared an **open letter** — drafted by SPT and signed by 51 community-based organizations and 304 workers — that had been emailed to the Mayor and Council the previous evening. The letter called on them to immediately invest in urgent community services in the budget.

We know that City Council listened; we saw the proof in the budget amendments. While the final 2023 City Budget still lacked the substantial investments in services that we needed, we did see some significant wins. And our years of advocating for improved revenue and funding in the City Budget resulted in greater openness to this by the broader public.

ENGAGING VOTERS THROUGH TWO CHANCES FOR A BETTER CITY

SETTING THE STAGE FOR CHANGE The October 2022 municipal election and June 2023 mayoral by-election provided an incredible opportunity to set the stage for real change. As the sixth-largest government in Canada, the City of Toronto holds tremendous power. We needed to make sure candidates and our next Mayor and Council understood the most pressing issues facing our communities, and we needed to encourage voters to have their voices heard.

In the fall, ED Jin Huh joined Suman Roy, ED of Feed Scarborough, and Daniele Zanotti, CEO of United Way Greater Toronto, on *Metro Morning* to discuss what the next Council could do to **address income disparity and affordability**. We also activated residents, community groups, and organizations, holding events and providing resources and tools to support and encourage voters heading to the polls.

ENABLING LOCAL VOTER ENGAGEMENT

With voter turnout at an all-time low, we collaborated with partner agencies to promote advanced voting in the mayoral by-election. We also created a suite of resources to support residents and community-based organizations to understand key issues affecting communities, and to build interest and involvement in voting and civic engagement:

- dedicated election resource page,
- eight issue-based fact sheets, translated into four languages, that residents could use to advocate for key issues with candidates,



Community worker Diana Chan McNally speaking at the #HaveAHeartTO rally outside City Hall on budget day

- speaker roster of experts willing to speak at community events,
- **voter toolkit** and **vote pledge** to inspire voting for a better, more equitable city,
- nine **workshops** to help 300 community development workers and grassroots leaders learn to engage residents in neighbourhoods with lower voter turnout and in marginalized communities,
- two rounds of small **voter engagement grants** to local leaders and grassroots groups to host events and initiatives that promoted civic engagement and voting in their neighbourhoods (through activities from simulated voting experiences to social media campaigns to canvassing within neighbourhoods, 30 grantees engaged over 6,000 individuals in discussions about voting and civic engagement!).

SHOWING UP FOR A BETTER CITY On June 26, 2023, Torontonians went to the polls to vote in the mayoral by-election. SPT joined WomanACT, WYCA Toronto, and the City for All coalition for the **#ShowUpTO** campaign.

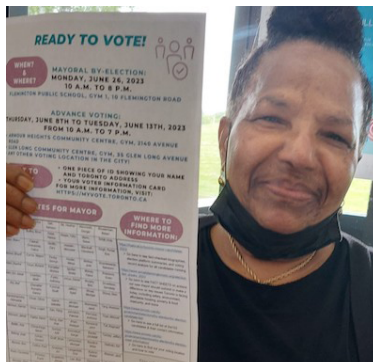
Endorsed by more than the 45 organizations across the city, the campaign asked all mayoral candidates to show up for gender and racial equity and address rising poverty in Toronto. We urged candidates to commit to our **policy asks** across five key pillars: housing and shelter, transit and internet, decent work, community safety, and community wellness.

On the campaign website, we asked Torontonians to pledge to vote and encourage others to vote too. With 102 candidates registered to run, SPT held a **non-partisan event to help voters**

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The impact of [SPT's voter engagement] funding has been transformative.

— Mahdi Zangeneh



(Clockwise from top): Voter engagement in St. James Town, Agincourt, Lawrence Heights

navigate the complex world of campaign promises, platforms, and rhetoric. We also published [resources](#) on our website including a [one-pager](#) explaining the advance voting process and a [roster](#) of speakers for community events.

STRENGTHENING COLLABORATION TOWARDS A CITY FOR ALL

The [A City for All platform](#) was the beginning of a collective vision for a better Toronto. A group of community-based organizations — SPT, Toronto Environmental Alliance (TEA), Parkdale People's Economy, Progress Toronto, Toronto ACORN, and Toronto Community Benefits Network — came together to draft a platform to address our city's urgent crises. It provided specific, implementable policy solutions supported by research, evidence, and community support — from fast-tracking affordable, accessible, and green housing to expanding access to the TTC Fair Pass.

The platform set the stage for post-election organizing and advocacy efforts with our new Council as they put forward their first budget earlier this year, and as they will make decisions about a just recovery and the multiple crises facing our city. The platform also provides a collective vision that grassroots and community-based organizations can use when engaging with members of Council on priority policy issues.

Soon after the municipal election, SPT and the City for All platform partners co-organized a meet and greet with our new Council. We invited both return-

ing and new Councillors to meet with organizations who had endorsed the platform in hopes of strengthening our collaborative relationship.

About 70 people attended, including Councillors Bravo, Cheng, Moise, Morley, Malik, Perks, and Fletcher. Community sector leaders shared their concerns about Toronto's growing crises in democracy, housing, health, poverty, safety, and climate. We discussed ways the sector and the new Council could work together on policy solutions and systems change as Council makes decisions about pandemic recovery.

FIGHTING PROVINCIAL THREATS TO DEMOCRACY

Last fall, the Province decimated the powers of municipal governments by passing three bills: *Bill 3, Strong Mayors Building Homes Act, 2022*; *Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*; and *Bill 39, Better Municipal Governance Act, 2022*.

This legislation centralized budget-making and all decisions about the budget in the Mayor's office, subject to Council amendments and a mayoral veto and Council override process. It also gave the Mayor power to pass by-laws on matters deemed "provincial priorities" with the support of only one-third of Council, thus removing majority rule.

The Province claimed the legislation was about getting housing built more quickly and improving efficiency in municipal government, but instead it centralized municipal power, eliminated crucial sources of funding for municipalities,

limited Inclusionary Zoning, and removed policies protecting rental units.

In November, ED Jin Huh **addressed** Ontario's Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy about Bill 39. As Jin pointed out, its new mayoral powers were supposed to help implement Bill 23, and many experts had spoken to how that bill reduces costs for developers but "will actually result in a reduction in affordable housing, limit the municipal government's ability to secure revenue to pay for affordable housing and homelessness programs, and put more renters at risk of homelessness."

We collaborated with community partners to contact Council, and SPT made a **submission** expressing our grave concerns about Bill 23. In it we urged Council to ask the Premier and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to reconsider a bill that not only dismantled policy made through extensive consultation but also threatened local democracy and part of our protected greenbelt. The Bill passed a few days later.

We continued our advocacy against Bill 39. In less than 24 hours, 53 signatories including 10 Councillors came together to send a **message** to all Members of the Provincial Parliament on the eve of a vote: Reject Bill 39! Despite our opposition and that of all living former Toronto mayors, many community organizations, and thousands of residents, the Province rushed Bill 39 through the legislature, ironically requiring a majority vote to take away majority rule at City Hall.

STRENGTHENING LEADERSHIP TO BUILD STRONGER AND SAFER COMMUNITIES

One of our core mandates is to increase skills, knowledge, and resource development in local communities. Following are some examples of that work in the past year.

EXPLORING BEST PRACTICES FOR RESIDENT ENGAGEMENT ACROSS TORONTO

In a pilot partnership with the Community Development Unit (CDU) at the City of Toronto, SPT served as the agency partner facilitating the work of the new Advisory Group for the Toronto Strong Neighbourhoods Strategy.

After receiving over 100 applications from resident leaders across Toronto, SPT selected **20 representatives of NIAs and Emerging Neighbourhoods**, who began their term in July 2022.

The Advisory Group provides input to the CDU on an equitable approach to neighbourhood wellbeing and resiliency, neighbourhood-level strategic planning and coordination, and strengthening the connection between locally determined community priorities, systems-level coordination, and strategic planning.

Supported by SPT, the Advisory Group has also led a series of community consultations exploring best practices in virtual and in-person resident engagement, and assessing the current state of resident engagement in Toronto neighbourhoods. After a collective sense-making of the consultation findings in early 2023, the Advisory Group, SPT, and the City will be releasing a set of recommen-

dations and a toolkit to strengthen trust-based and collaborative approaches to resident engagement.

The Advisory Group's insights are also informing the development of a new resident engagement strategy for SPT. With a broader and more nuanced understanding of accountability and transparency in the context of neighbourhood and resident engagement, we are working to incorporate these learnings into our current practices.

WORKING WITH RESIDENTS TO CO-DESIGN COMMUNITY-CENTRED SAFETY NETWORKS

Following the success of our 2021–22 Safety Network Development Pilot program, the City has partnered with SPT again for a project to develop a new community- and resident-led Local Safety Network Model for City-supported local safety tables. Building on the work and lessons learned from the pilot, and shaped by our co-design team, the new model will be adaptable, flexible, and place-based while also embedding core pillars and mechanisms to support the operation of local safety tables. These pillars include accountability, sustainability, integration and connection, capacity building, and structure and governance.

During the 12-month project, which kicked off in January 2023, SPT is responsible for leading a co-design process with 25 local safety networks across the city. From January to June we built our co-design team, consisting of 20 residents and agency staff from across the 25 local safety networks, as well as staff from the City's Community Crisis Response Program (CCRP). During this pe-

riod, we hosted three co-design sessions and conducted case study research to inform the development of a refreshed and enhanced Local Safety Network Model for the City.

We are also administering a new round of grants for local safety networks to support local safety projects or initiatives to strengthen individual network capacity and support residents impacted by community violence. Twenty-five grants are being awarded to CCRP-supported local safety tables.

DEVELOPING TOOLS AND RESOURCES FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING

SPT has been working closely with the City of Toronto to develop capacity-building resources and training for local groups, planning tables, safety networks, and other community-led collaboratives. The Capacity Building Partnerships Pilot Project (CBPPP) is split into two major components. A Community Playbook is being launched this fall for resident groups and community leaders to implement in community tables. This playbook will emphasize storytelling and support local planning, community building, and coordination for community-led initiatives. And a Building Community Strength workshop series will launch in September. This will provide residents with hands-on training to support community building, provide a space for networking with other community leaders, and engage them in virtual peer-to-peer learning and exchange.

RESEARCHING TO INFORM BETTER SERVICE DELIVERY

IMPROVING ACCESS FOR THOSE WHO FACE GREATER BARRIERS

Our *Reimagining Funding and Service Delivery for Newcomers: Lessons from the Literature and Stakeholders* report, published in May 2023, examines how newcomers' outcomes are impacted by the current funding and service delivery model in Ontario's immigrant and refugee-serving sector. The report captures the key challenges facing the sector and lessons from alternative funding approaches.

This research is part of a larger project led by Toronto South LIP in partnership with SPT and the Department of Imaginary Affairs. Launched in 2021, the three-year initiative aims to propose a

community-centred funding and service delivery model to improve access for those who face greater barriers.

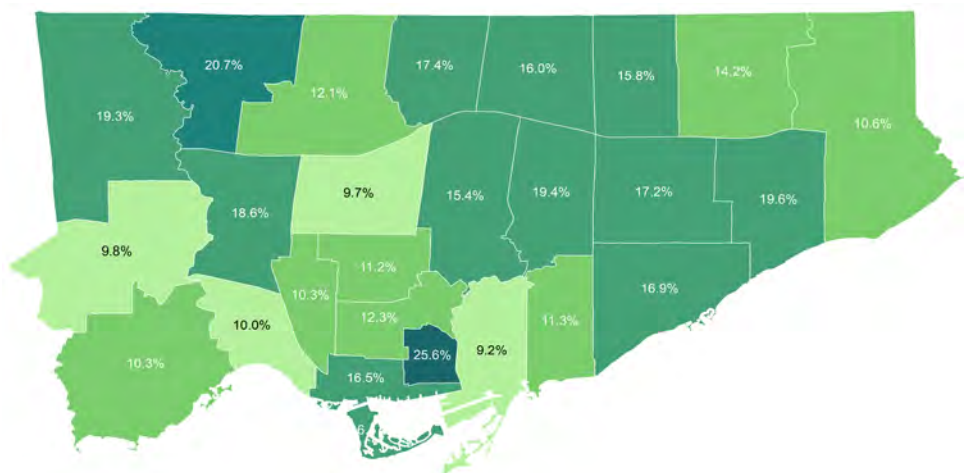
Focus groups with newcomers and service providers identified gaps, challenges, and opportunities around collaboration, data sharing, and service delivery. The research placed a particular focus on the experiences of racialized and marginalized newcomer communities and small, grassroots, and POC-led organizations.

ADVANCING GENDER EQUITY In our last annual report we shared news of our Gender Equity Strategy (GES) consultations for the City of Toronto. We invited women, girls, trans, Two Spirit, and non-binary residents across the city to think through how gender equity and inequality play out in their day-to-day experiences, particularly as it related to

OUR RESEARCH MATTERS

Data released in July 2022 from the 2021 Census confirmed that bold and urgent action by government (in this case, temporary emergency benefits such as the Canada Emergency Response Benefit, or CERB) can significantly reduce poverty and economic inequality. For example, Toronto saw reduced poverty in 2020 (compared to 2015).

Our researchers offered a [more nuanced analysis of this new data](#), showing that Toronto's levels of child and family poverty remained high despite the 2020 reduction. In fact, about half (13) of Toronto's wards had rates of child poverty above 15%. Toronto Centre continued to



Despite a short-term reduction in 2020, child poverty persisted

have the highest rate (25.6%) of child and family poverty, followed by Humber River-Black Creek (20.7%).

City services and programs. We were finally able to publicly release [our consultation report](#), with findings informed by over 1,000 participants from across the city, in November 2022.

The City has not yet released its GES, but we continue to track developments to ensure that our work will help produce a strategy informed by the many complex, intersecting needs and realities of the city's women and gender-diverse residents — who have borne the brunt of many of the impacts of the pandemic.

COLLABORATING WITH NETWORKS & COALITIONS

Our partnership and collaboration with community-based and frontline service agencies includes participating in a number of networks and coalitions. Below are some examples.

ADVANCING AN EQUITABLE AND JUST PANDEMIC RECOVERY What does Toronto need for a just and equitable pandemic recovery? Through a partnership with the United Way of Greater Toronto, SPT has been engaging the community service sector to build a shared vision for our city's recovery. The Just Recovery Action Committee, convened by SPT, has been working to identify key priorities for a just and equitable recovery, build capacity for policy and systems change within the sector, and promote public awareness for short- and long-term policy solutions.

During the municipal election campaign, the Committee hosted a two-part [panel series](#) to highlight the issues that low-in-

come and equity-owned Torontonians (and the organizations serving them) were grappling with and what our next Council and Mayor needed to prioritize. Committee members shared their insights on the current crises and challenges within the sector, as well as solutions, and how our perception and thinking needs to shift in order to achieve an equitable recovery rooted in social justice.

Increasing community power in local decision-making is a key driver in making change happen and nurturing a more democratic culture. Participants talked about the lack of political will to fully invest in or enable structural changes to address inequality, tackle poverty, and turn the tide on the affordability crisis. They called for structures and processes that bring forward community voices, especially those from under-represented and marginalized groups.

Just after the election, the Committee published a series of three Op-Eds. We wrote about [poverty and food security](#), protections needed for [tenants at risk of homelessness](#), and the investment desperately needed in the [community services sector](#), which has been pushed to its limits by the pandemic. The series was meant to help Torontonians more deeply understand the multiple crises facing our city from the perspectives of the organizations that serve the most marginalized among us.

Through the Just Recovery Action Committee, SPT has facilitated improved collaboration with Community Coordination Plan cluster agencies on the policy and systems change required for a just and equitable recovery for our city.

With the Action Plan for the City's Poverty Reduction Strategy on the Council agenda this fall, SPT has continued to work with the Just Recovery Action Committee's food security working group to advocate for policies and investments that will help community-based agencies struggling to address the growing food insecurity crisis in our City.

ENSURING EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT

Developers, the City, the federal government, community groups, and residents are engaged in a **development process** to reimagine 500 acres of land in Downsview. The Toronto Community Benefits Network (TCBN) worked with the community to develop a shared community benefits vision for the development. As a member of TCBN's **Downsview Community Benefits Committee**, SPT contributed to this work by providing advice, research, and analysis of community engagement and key issues. We are also part of a community resource group advising developers on equity.

Our staff assess the development process and decisions through an equity lens and make recommendations accordingly, ensuring a more inclusive resident engagement process. For example, developers initially communicated to and engaged with residents mostly via inaccessible text documents. We led the call for more accessible information, resulting in more use of video.

FIGHTING A CHALLENGE TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING Our work with the Coalition for Equitable and Inclusive City Building helped fend off a development industry challenge to the City's new income-based definition of affordable

housing (the previous definition had been based on market rent).

In an attempt to avoid their obligations to build affordable housing, some local developers appealed the new definition at the Ontario Land Tribunal. A win could have impacted all affordable housing policies, including the City's Inclusionary Zoning policy, putting more affordable housing and other community benefits in new developments at stake.

As one of the Coalition's lead organization, SPT staff worked with partners to garner **media coverage**, and contributed to the development of an Inclusive Development Charter and infographic.

The coalition's campaign was successful — the new definition remains in place.

PROTECTING COMMUNITIES' USE OF SCHOOLS

In October 2022, the SPACE Coalition released an **updated briefing note**, "Moving Forward: Maximizing Community Use of School Space," to better reflect the current realities of pandemic recovery. It served as the basis for their 2023 provincial submission, which called on the Province to immediately invest an additional \$19.44M in community use of schools and related programs.

The Coalition's advocacy also prevailed at the local level. The Coalition enthusiastically partnered with SPT and the Toronto & York Region Labour Council to ask mayoral candidates to support schools as community hubs. The campaign was successful in bringing access to school space forward on the political agenda, with **nine mayoral candidates** taking the pledge.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2022

	2022	2021
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 591,313	\$ 374,814
Term deposits	138,347	137,234
Accounts receivable	72,444	158,110
Prepaid expenses and deposits	40,386	37,055
	<u>842,490</u>	<u>707,213</u>
TRUST FUNDS ADMINISTERED FOR OTHERS	41,018	25,013
	<u>\$ 883,508</u>	<u>\$ 732,226</u>
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 42,260	\$ 40,353
Deferred project funds	213,403	108,300
	<u>255,663</u>	<u>148,653</u>
TRUST FUNDS ADMINISTERED FOR OTHERS	41,018	25,013
	<u>296,681</u>	<u>173,666</u>
NET ASSETS		
UNRESTRICTED	586,827	558,560
	<u>\$ 883,508</u>	<u>\$ 732,226</u>

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS & CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	General Operations	Projects	2022	2021
REVENUES				
City of Toronto	\$ 444,075	\$ 181,219	\$ 625,294	\$ 839,816
United Way	527,550	71,844	599,394	585,524
Membership fees	19,575	—	19,575	35,630
Other income	9,923	18,138	28,061	14,116
Donations & other fundraising	2,669	—	2,669	10,938
Government of Canada	—	89,295	89,295	—
	1,003,792	360,496	1,364,288	1,486,024
EXPENSES				
Salaries & benefits	660,973	274,030	935,003	844,685
Program supplies	17,790	70,793	88,583	184,270
Professional fees	90,367	6,134	96,501	164,648
Building occupancy	114,980	—	114,980	162,277
Office and administration	82,618	8,890	91,508	65,560
Other	9,136	310	9,446	7,270
Travel	—	—	—	1,406
	975,864	360,157	1,336,021	1,430,116
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	27,928	339	28,267	55,908
NET ASSETS — BEGINNING OF YEAR	558,560	—	558,560	502,652
NET ASSETS — END OF YEAR	\$ 586,448	\$ 339	\$ 586,827	\$ 558,560

Hogg, Shain & Scheck PC
Toronto, Ontario | May 23, 2023

NOTE: Statements have been extracted from the full set of audited financial statements (available upon request).



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socialplanningtoronto.org

LET'S WORK TOGETHER

If you would like to help us achieve the kind of structural change that is fundamental to our mission of challenging inequity in our city, please consider becoming an SPT member.

Your support helps us to:

- strengthen the voice of local communities across the city,
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