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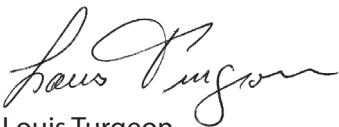
Fredericton, July, 2025

The Honorable Blaine Higgs
Premier
President of the Executive Council
Minister responsible for Intergovernmental Affairs

Dear Premier,

Pursuant to subsection 11(1) of “Centre communautaire Sainte-Anne Act” and on behalf of the Sainte-Anne Community Board, I am pleased to submit the CCSA Annual Report for the year ending on March 31, 2024.

Sincerely,



Louis Turgeon
Chair
Sainte-Anne Community Board

CENTRE COMMUNAUTAIRE SAINTE-ANNE IN FREDERICTON: A truly Francophone institution

MISSION

The Centre communautaire Sainte-Anne seeks to engage the Francophone community of greater Fredericton while promoting its development, expansion and visibility.

VISION

The Centre communautaire Sainte-Anne is a catalyst for the development, engagement and promotion of the Francophone community in the greater Fredericton area.

*Plan stratégique 2022–2026 du CCSA [2022–2026 Strategic Plan],
available at centre-sainte-anne.nb.ca*

The Centre communautaire Sainte-Anne (CCSA) is a Crown corporation responsible for the administration, on behalf of the Government of New Brunswick, of a community centre serving primarily the Francophone community in the Fredericton area.

Officially opening its doors on June 10, 1978, the CCSA was the first school-community institution of its kind in Canada. It is administered by the Sainte-Anne Community Board, guided in turn by the *Le Centre communautaire Sainte-Anne Act*.

When the CCSA first opened nearly 50 years ago, the Francophone population in New Brunswick's capital region numbered around 3,000. Today, this figure exceeds 11,000, proof that the Francophone community served by the CCSA continues to grow.

Over the years, the CCSA has become a leader in innovation and in community and cultural development in a minority setting. It offers a wealth of French-language programming and, with the invaluable support of numerous accredited organizations and partners, promotes the Francophonie in the Fredericton area.

The CCSA...

Living in French in the heart of the capital region!



Message from the Chair

During the past year, the CCSA held a series of meetings with the mayors of the four surrounding municipalities as well as with ministers, opposition party leaders and other elected members. These meetings included interactions with Blaine Higgs, premier of New Brunswick, and ministers Glen Savoie (Francophonie), Arlene Dunn (Immigration), Bill Hogan (Education and Early Childhood Development) and Rob Taylor (Transportation and Infrastructure). These meetings culminated in a slight budget increase, although this was not enough to offset the CCSA's deficit. The building's repair and maintenance plan has been relaunched and should lead to major investments over the coming years, so watch for announcements. Funding for the CCSA, especially in light of the growing Francophone community, remains a priority and strategic concern.

In March 2024, Pascale Bergeron was appointed executive director of the CCSA following the sudden passing of her predecessor, Eric Nadeau. The CCSA team and the Francophone community in the Fredericton area are in good hands.

We also implemented intake and settlement services for newcomers to complement the liaison services already provided by the CCSA. This partnership with the Centre d'accueil et d'accompagnement francophone des immigrants du Sud-Est du Nouveau-Brunswick (CAFi) and the province's two other school-community centres is certain to grow.

We have also engaged in new discussions with Horizon Health Network and senior officials responsible for recruiting Francophone healthcare professionals. This will be a lengthy process.

I want to underscore the incredible dedication of the Sainte-Anne Community Board and thank the CCSA employees who have worked tirelessly, often with limited resources and in times of significant instability. Their contributions sometimes go unnoticed but remain a cornerstone of life in French in the Fredericton area.



Louis Turgeon

Message from the Executive Director

As I write this, I have only recently embarked on my new role as executive director of the CCSA. It is an honour to join this organization, which makes an essential contribution to the vitality and development of the Francophone minority community here in the capital region.

From my first day in this position, I have seen just how solid the CCSA's foundations are, thanks to the unwavering commitment of the Sainte-Anne Community Board, the dedication of our staff and the enthusiasm of the members and partners who support us. I extend my sincere thanks to the Board for the confidence it has shown in me by entrusting me with this responsibility.

I would also like to express my deepest gratitude to all CCSA employees. From day one, I was welcomed with warmth and generosity, and everyone's commitment and determination to advance our mission were immediately evident. Their support and professionalism are a source of inspiration and reinforce my conviction that we all striving for a common goal: to keep the Francophone community vibrant and thriving.

There is much to be done in this regard, but together, we will continue to chart a bright future for the CCSA and the entire community. We have a duty to meet any challenges that lie ahead with spirit and innovation while strengthening our partnerships, developing new initiatives and consolidating our leadership role in serving the Francophone population.

To all of you, thank you for your welcome and your support. I look forward to working with you and for you, and to ensuring that the CCSA remains the pillar of the Francophone community in the capital region.



Pascale Bergeron

Sainte-Anne Community Board 2023-2024

The Sainte-Anne Community Board is composed of volunteers elected by the community and appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council or by the Minister responsible for the CCSA as well as two representatives from the school sector. The number of members provided for, in the *Centre communautaire Sainte-Anne Act*, is 11.

Back row:

- Robert Duguay (Vice-Chair)
- Luc Handfield
- Sébastien Modéré
- Danielle Léger
- Geneviève Stephens (Treasurer)

Front row:

- Louis Turgeon (Chair)
- Stéphanie Bilodeau
- Carolyn Landry
- Late Eric Nadeau (Executive Director)



Absent from the photo: Jason Arseneault,
Michelle Barclay and Gabrielle McLaughlin

The Centre communautaire Sainte-Anne team



François Albert
Director of Communications



Sara Laflamme
Director of Customer Services



Marie-Hélène Michaud
Community and Cultural
Development Officer



Anny Martel
Computer Graphic Designer and
Communications Officer



Gilles Losier
Maintenance and
Infrastructure Supervisor



Nicolas Augereau
Maintenance Attendant



Pascale Bergeron
Executive Director



Maida Kolic
Manager of Financial and
Administrative Services



Murielle Savoie
Director of Community and
Cultural Development



Vanessa Nkwambi
Community Liaison Officer
for Newcomers



Alexandra Emery
Administrative Assistant /
Front Desk



Yves Pelletier
Maintenance Attendant



Michael Wagner
Technical Director

Organizations and partners

The organizations and community partners working with the CCSA play a critical role in promoting the visibility and vitality of the minority Francophone community in the capital region. They actively contribute to the well-being of our community through their support for cultural and community activities.

- Association des aînés de la Capitale pour l'apprentissage et le mieux-être (AACAME)
- Association sportive francophone de Fredericton
- C90 – Fredericton
- Café d'ici and Collectif économique d'innovation culturelle et identitaire (CÉ D'ICI)
- Centre d'accueil et d'accompagnement francophone des immigrants du Sud-Est du Nouveau-Brunswick (CAFi) – Fredericton Satellite Office
- Centre de santé Noreen-Richard
- Centre Mosaïque (welcome centre for newcomers)
- Chœur de Soulanges (choir)
- Conseil pour le développement de l'alphabétisme et des compétences des adultes du Nouveau-Brunswick (CODAC NB)
- Dre Marguerite Michaud Library
➤ *Dre Marguerite Michaud Library Board*
- Fondation Objectif 2000
- Fous de la scène (theater group)
- Franco-Fredericton.com
- Girl Guides of Canada – Mawiw region
- Jeunesses Musicales Fredericton
- Knights of Columbus, Council 8409
- L'Académie de musique Marie-Sol
- L'Oasis (Resource centre for 50 years old and over)
- Maison des jeunes L'acAdo
- Réseau franco mieux-être de la Capitale
- Rythmika Club
- Sainte-Anne-des-Pays-Bas Church (Separate building located next to the CCSA)
- Société des enseignants et enseignantes retraités francophones de la Capitale (SERF)
- UNI Coopération financière (198 Regent Street)

SERVICES OFFERED TO ORGANIZATIONS

- Room and equipment rentals
- Technical services
- Promotion and communication
- Financial support for cultural activities and events
- Administrative support

NEW ORGANIZATIONS WITH A PRESENCE AT THE CCSA

- CAFi
- L'Académie de musique Marie-Sol

FRANCOPHONE SCHOOLS in the capital region

ÉCOLE DES BÂTISSEURS

- 715 Priestman Sreet (at the CCSA)
- Kindergarten to Grade 5

> *École des Bâtisseurs parents' committee*

ÉCOLE SAINTE-ANNE

- 715 Priestman Sreet (at the CCSA)
- Grades 6 to 12

> *École Sainte-Anne student council*

ÉCOLE LES ÉCLAIREURS

- 160 Eco Terra Drive, Fredericton (north side)
- Kindergarten to Grade 8

> *École Les Éclaireurs parents' committee*

ÉCOLE ARC-EN-CIEL

- 30 Beaufort Street, Oromocto
- Kindergarten to Grade 8

> *École Arc-en-ciel parents' committee*

FRANCOPHONE CHILD CARE SERVICES de la région de la capitale

GARDERIE AU P'TIT MONDE DE FRANCO

- 715 Priestman Sreet (at the CCSA)
- 0 to 12 years of age

> *Au p'tit monde de franco board*

SERVICE DE GARDE DE LA MAISON DES JEUNES L'ACADO

- 715 Priestman Sreet (at the CCSA)
- 5 to 12 years of age

SERVICE DE GARDE L'ENVOLÉE

- 160 Eco Terra Drive, Fredericton (north side)
- 0 to 12 years of age

CENTRE DE LA PETITE ENFANCE LES MATELOTS

- 30 Beaufort Street, Oromocto
- 0 to 12 years of age



Community development and programming

2023-2024 AT A GLANCE

2 340 > SPECTATORS
4 226 > VISITORS (visual art exhibitions)
4 545 > PARTICIPANTS IN
CULTURAL/COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS
4 392 > HOURS OF SERVICE
3 030 > SOCIAL MEDIA FOLLOWERS

101 > FREE ACTIVITIES
11 > PERFORMANCES
6 > EXHIBITIONS
3 > MOVIE SCREENINGS
30 > FREE YOUTH ACTIVITIES

\$78,267 > IN ARTIST FEES
\$40,430 > IN FEES TO NB ARTISTS
168 > VOLUNTEER HOURS



Nearly **300** people
attended our "5 à 7"
after-work events.

PERFORMANCES

Bernard-Poirier Theatre

MUSIC

- Art Richard
- *Marcher à l'infini*: tribute to Denis Richard with Ventus Machina and his guests (Christian "Kit" Goguen; Ray Legere; Troiselle; Danny Boudreau)
- Les Colocs-Ensemble: *En trio acoustique*
- Les Gars du Nord: *Tournée 10^e anniversaire*
- Raphaël Butler
- BAIE: *Bleu*

THEATER

- *Sous la feuille* – youth theater
- *Maurice* – Théâtre populaire d'Acadie
- *Johnny* – Théâtre populaire d'Acadie

DANCE/VARIETY

- Prima Danse: *RepreZent*
- Rita Baga: *Créature*

VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITIONS

Galerie des Bâtisseurs

- Louise LeBlanc – *Dessiner avec les enfants*
- Brigitte Clavette – *L'âme mystérieuse des objets*
- Rosaire Savoie – *Ma vie en couleurs*
- Georges Goguen – *Œuvres inédites en trois dimensions*
- Norelice Mboutou – *Black HAIRitage*
- Julie D'Amour-Léger – *Cap sur les pêches*

"5 à 7"

- La Virée (Galerie des Bâtisseurs)
- Christopher Therrien (Galerie des Bâtisseurs)
- Olivier Bergeron (Galerie des Bâtisseurs)
- JP LeBlanc (Picaroons Roudhouse)



Community development and programming

VISUAL ARTS

EXHIBITION OPENINGS

- *L'âme mystérieuse des objets*, de Brigitte Clavette – CCSA's 45th anniversary
- *Ma vie en couleurs*, by the late artist Rosaire Savoie
- Art project by an École des Bâtisseurs Grade 4 class featuring works inspired by Rosaire Savoie's *Ma vie en couleurs* exhibition

ARTISTIC CREATION SESSIONS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

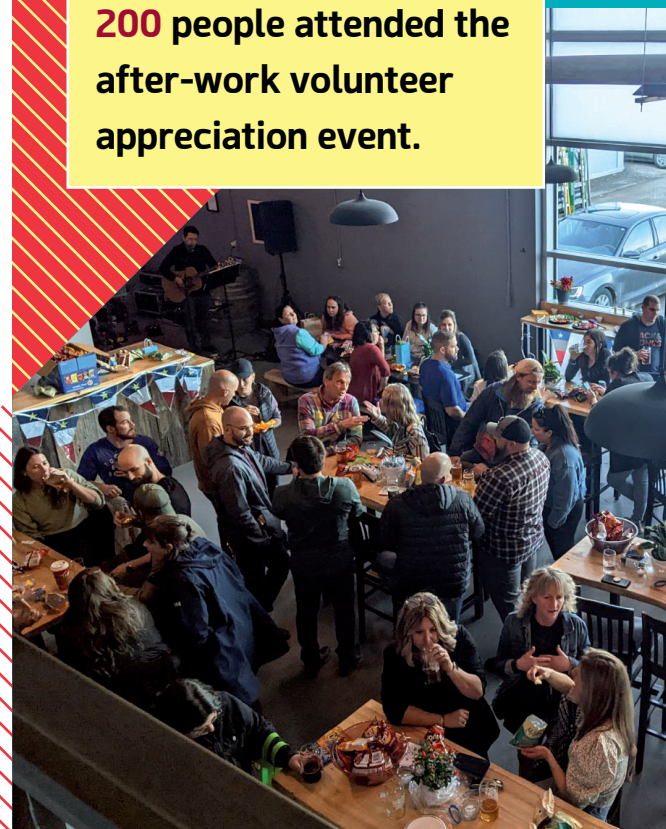
- With painter Louise LeBlanc
- With the artist Norelice Mboutou
- On the creation of the play *Maurice*

WORKSHOPS/TALKS

- **Artistic activity with Louise LeBlanc**
at Au P'tit Monde de Franco daycare
- **Craft beer tasting** with morALE brooster
- **Représente ta culture** – Inclusive dance event
(23 dance outreach workshops with Prima Danse)
- **Éveil musical** with JM Canada – Fredericton
(20 workshops – *Le P'tit tintamarre* and *Musique au corps*)
- **Safety information session**



200 people attended the after-work volunteer appreciation event.



CELEBRATIONS

- *Poutine on Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day!*
- Back-to-school BBQ
- National Volunteer Week after-work event with Sébastien Boudreau at Maybee Brew
- August 15 (National Acadian Day) celebrations (guest artists: Art Richard and Les Fils du Diable)
- Célébrations vibrantes de l'héritage des Noirs
Black History Month

COLLABORATIONS

FREDERICTON PLAYHOUSE

- Flip Fabrique: *Muse*
- *Overlap* – theater

MULTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION OF FREDERICTON

- Cultural Expressions Festival



Communications

The primary goal of CCSA's communication services is to promote French-language activities and initiatives taking place in the capital region through the use of dynamic, accessible tools. During the 2023–2024 year, hundreds of publications and articles were produced to showcase greater Fredericton's Francophone community.

- **L'Infolettre** [weekly newsletter]

- ▶ 1,600 subscribers
- ▶ 58 mailouts during 2023–2024

- **Social media**

- ▶ Facebook (@Centre.communaire.Sainte.Anne)
2,900 followers
- ▶ Instagram (@ccsafredericton)
130 followers

- **CCSA website**

- ▶ centre-sainte-anne.nb.ca

- **L'Info-lien** [monthly newspaper]

- ▶ 10 issues in 2023–2024
- ▶ 1,000 copies printed monthly
- ▶ 400 monthly visits to the online edition



* PENSÉE DE LA SEMAINE *

«Les hommes peuvent vivre quelques minutes sans respirer, quelques jours sans boire, quelques semaines sans manger, et vivre des années sans penser.»

— Ken Ruth —



Operational services

The CCSA offers its organizations and partners the free use of its rooms. The services of the technical director and the bar service are also available free of charge.

As part of its activities, the CCSA's main focus is to meet the needs of its organizations and partners and to support them in their activities and initiatives. The community can also enjoy access to the CCSA's facilities at fair prices.

CLIENTS

- Accredited organizations, partners and collaborators of the CCSA
- Government departments and agencies
- The greater Fredericton community and beyond

SERVICES

- Rental of numerous meeting rooms
- Rental of Bernard-Poirier Theatre
- Rental of two gymnasiums
- Rental of two cafeterias
- Bar service
- Box office
- Photocopying, printing, faxing

• New offering

In January 2024, the CCSA launched a new room reservation application through which users can explore room layouts and the CCSA can more effectively manage the use of its spaces.

• Youth learning and development

- ▶ In March 2024, the technical director offered a two-day technical camp to a dozen students from École Sainte-Anne. As part of this training, the Fredericton Playhouse invited the students on a behind-the-scenes tour and offered them free event tickets.
- ▶ Training was provided to École Sainte-Anne's in-house theatre technical crew by the CCSA's technical director.



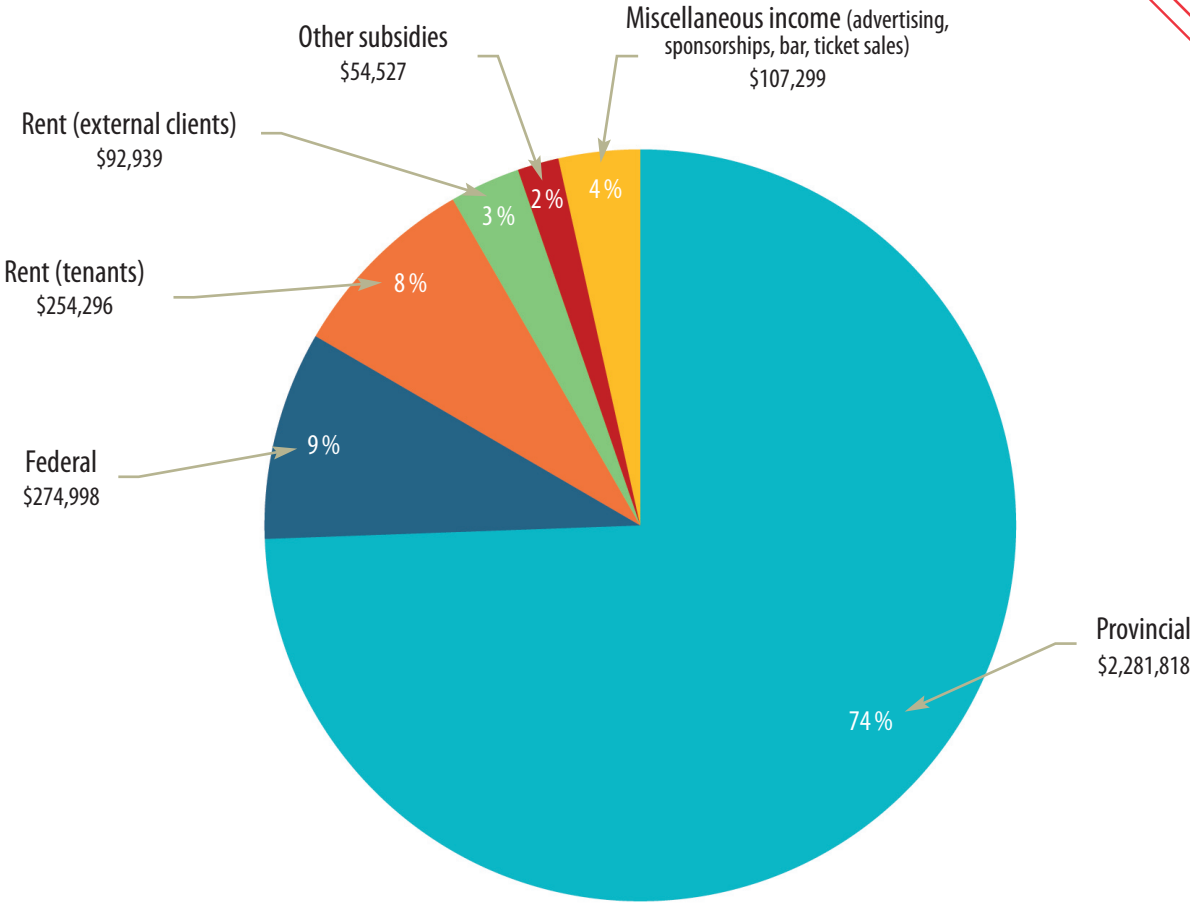
• Coming soon

The CCSA will be bringing technical upgrades to its meeting rooms by installing state-of-the-art equipment (digital whiteboard, fixed projector, touchscreen TV and wireless presentation tools).

FINANCES

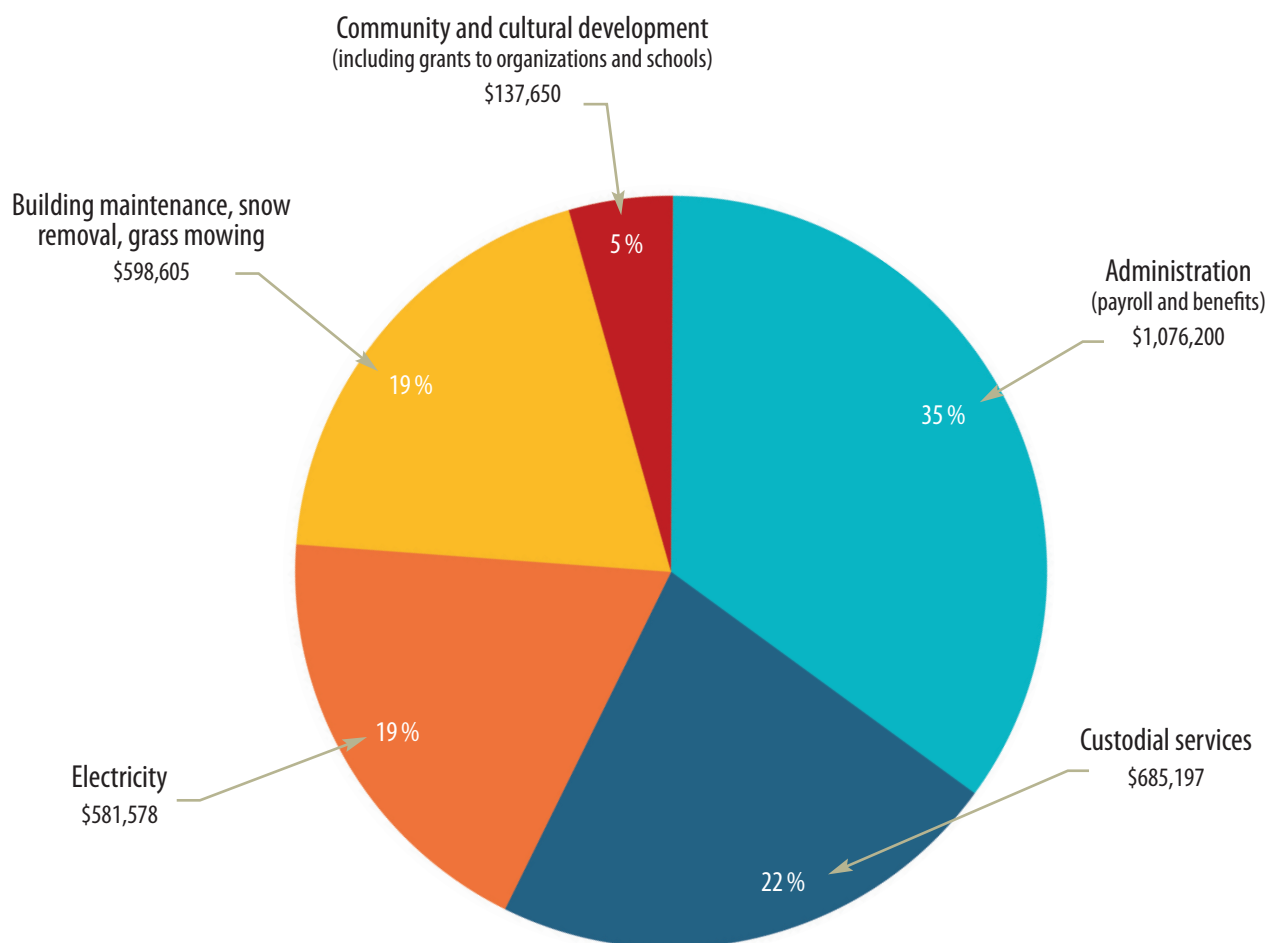
Audited results to March 31, 2024

INCOME



Total income: \$3,065,877

EXPENSES



Total expenses: \$3,079,230

For audited financial statements to March 31, 2024, email info@ccsafredericton.ca.

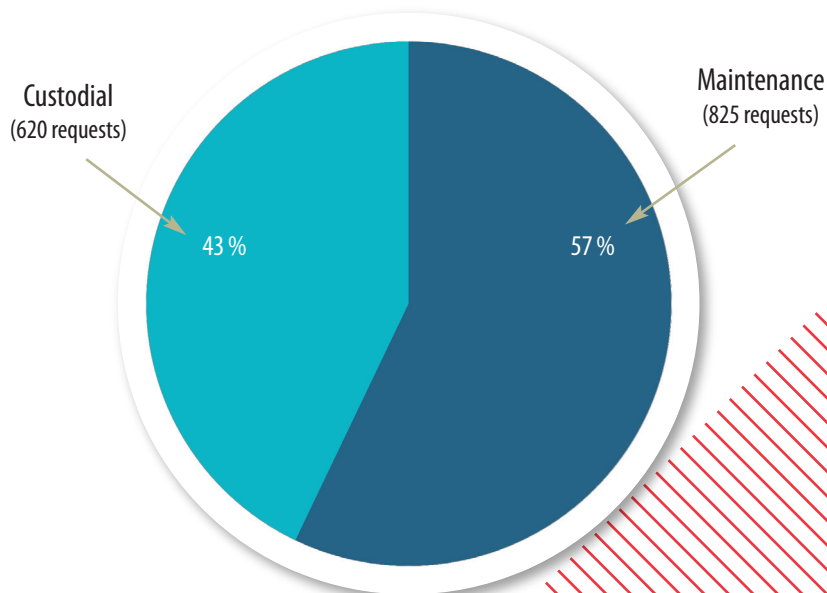
Infrastructure

The maintenance staff play an essential role in keeping all 275,000 square feet of the CCSA operating smoothly. The skilled and dedicated workers on this team are responsible for general building maintenance, minor repairs and the installation of various equipment to ensure a safe and functional environment for users, staff and students.

The team's seasoned technical staff carried out a wide variety of tasks throughout the year, including minor repairs (electrical, plumbing, carpentry, ventilation, heating and other) as well as installation and inspection work. They also played a key role in monitoring the overall condition of the building and coordinating specialized work with external contractors.

Following a proactive and thorough approach, the team helped maintain a safe and functional environment while also looking out for the long-term viability of the facilities. With their expertise, versatility and attention to detail, the members of our maintenance team contribute daily to creating a welcoming, functional environment that meets the needs of our community.

Maintenance and custodial requests



2023-2024 Partners

PLATINE Sponsor



GOVERNMENT Partners

Fredericton

La ville *Modèle* du Canada
OROMOCTO

New Brunswick



Patrimoine
Canadien

Canadian
Heritage



Immigration, Réfugiés
et Citoyenneté Canada

Immigration, Refugees
and Citizenship Canada

TOURS Partners



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Tournée
Assomption Vie
Radio-Canada

THÉÂTRE
POPULAIRE
D'ACADIE

Assomption Vie

COUP DE
CŒUR
FRANCO
PHONE

VOYAGEMENTS
THÉÂTRE DE CRÉATION EN TOURNÉE

ICI Acadie

THANK YOU!

The CCSA thanks all volunteers, accredited organizations, partners and collaborators who, through their involvement and dedication, contributed to the wellness and advancement of the Francophone community in New Brunswick's capital region during 2023–2024:

JM Canada – Fredericton, AACAME, Maison des jeunes L'acAdo, CODAC NB, Réseau franco mieux-être de la Capitale, Chœur de Soulanges, L'Académie de musique Marie-Sol, Knights of Columbus (Council 8409), Dre-Marguerite-Michaud Library, Parish of Sainte-Anne-des-Pays-Bas, Village of New Maryland, the Fredericton-Oromocto Francophone school community, Au P'tit Monde de Franco daycare, organizing committee of the Salon du livre de Dieppe [Dieppe book fair] at the CCSA, Prima Danse, Fredericton Playhouse, Multicultural Association of Fredericton, Settlement Workers in Schools Program, Jaber, Picaroons Roudhouse, morALE brooster

2023-2024 HIGHLIGHTS

April 2023 ➤ Visit from Premier Blaine Higgs

May 2023 ➤ Amélie Miklos awarded CCSA 2023 scholarship

June 2023 ➤ CCSA's 45th anniversary

September 2023 ➤ Return of popular Francophone "5 à 7" after-work events

October 2023 ➤ Fourth edition of Salon du livre de Dieppe [Dieppe book fair] at CCSA

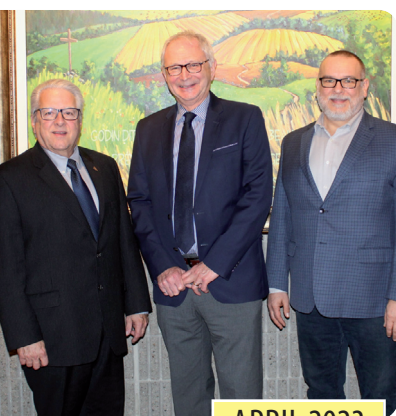
Décember 2023 ➤ Passing of CCSA executive director Eric Nadeau

January 2024 ➤ Addition of CAFi satellite office at CCSA

March 2024 ➤ CCSA welcomes new executive director



The fourth edition of the Salon du livre de Dieppe at the CCSA drew over 2,000 visitors.



APRIL 2023



MAY 2023



JANUARY 2024

45th ANNIVERSARY OF CCSA



To mark the CCSA's 45th anniversary celebrations taking place on June 4–10, 2023, the CCSA and numerous partners, organizations and volunteers offered a wide variety of activities.

JUNE 4

CELEBRATION KICK-OFF

**45 ans... ça se fête avec
le Chœur de Soulanges!**

Concert presented by Fredericton's Francophone choir at Bernard-Poirier Theatre to an audience of approximately 300.



Visit by Bernard Poirier

Bernard Poirier, one of the great builders of the capital's Francophone community and the very first chair of the Sainte-Anne Community Board, addressed the audience at the theatre bearing his name.



JUNE 7

YOUTH EVENING: SHOWCASING OUR EMERGING ARTISTS!

Célébrons notre histoire!

A play presented by the École Sainte-Anne (ÉSA) theatre troupe, *Par nous, pour vous* [By Us, For You], brilliantly outlined the rich history of Fredericton's Francophone community.

Célébrons en chansons!

Performance by the Marie-Sol Band featuring students from the Académie de musique Marie-Sol.



JUNE 8

HAPPY HOUR OF THE 45th

Jasmine Nadeau, a Grade 11 student at ÉSA, and the JazzMoiZelles vocal ensemble provided musical entertainment for all those in attendance at Galerie des Bâisseurs art gallery.



Meet and greet with Brigitte Clavette

This multidisciplinary artist's exhibition *L'âme mystérieuse des objets* [The Mysterious Soul of Objects] was displayed at Galerie des Bâisseurs.

Photo: Brigitte Clavette and the Honourable Brenda Murphy, Lieutenant Governor of N.B.



JUNE 9

SORTEZ-MOI D'ICI! [Get me out of here!]

A family activity where participating teams tackled five differently themed escape rooms.



JUNE 10

AN AFTERNOON OUTDOORS

The Réseau franco mieux-être de la Capitale offered an afternoon of workshops, physical activities, booths, demonstrations and performances showcasing the cultural richness that defines the Francophonie.



JUNE 10

PARTY FOR THE 45th

at the École des Bâtisseurs cafetorium

MENONCLE JASON



ABOITEAU

The CCSA's 45th anniversary was a major success thanks to the organizing committee, partners, organizations, volunteers and artists, the CCSA team and the many people who took part in the festivities.



1,250 people took part in the CCSA's 45th anniversary celebrations.