

2026 Annual General Meeting



The Centre for
**Epilepsy & Seizure
Education**
in British Columbia

Date: May 26, 2026 @ 5:30 p.m.

Location: Unit 112 - 32868 Ventura Avenue, Abbotsford BC

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

“We want to respectfully acknowledge that we are gathered here today on the traditional and unceded territories of the Stó:lō (Stolo) people, the Semá:th (Sumas) First Nation, and Máthxwi (Matsqui) First Nation. With this, we respect the longstanding relationships that Indigenous Nations have to this land and recognize our privilege to be able to live, work, and be in relation with many people from across these territories ”

VISION. MISSION. VALUES.

Vision Statement:

A future where all British Columbians with epilepsy and seizures flourish and thrive without barriers.

Mission Statement:

ESEBC fosters resilience and hope in British Columbians affected by epilepsy and seizure by offering person-centered support, education, and resources.

Values:

ESEBC uses the following values to guide and inform our decision-making, interactions, and approach to service delivery:

Compassion

Empowerment

Inclusivity

Integrity

Collaboration

2026 AGM AGENDA

The Centre for Epilepsy and Seizure Education in BC

May 26, 2026 @ 5:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order
2. Welcome and Territorial Acknowledgement
3. Confirm Quorum
4. Adoption of Agenda
5. Approval of May 27, 2025 AGM Minutes
6. Chair's Report
7. Treasurer's Report & Adoption of 2025 Financials
8. Executive Director's Report
9. Staff Reports
10. Adoption of 2026 Special Resolutions
11. Election of Directors
12. Appointment of Accountant 2026
13. Questions from the Membership
14. Motion to Adjourn



MAY 27, 2025 AGM MEETING MINUTES

The Centre for Epilepsy and Seizure Education in BC

DATE MAY 27, 2025

LOCATION: 112 - 32868 VENTURA AVE, ABBOTSFORD BC V2S 6J3

Attendance:

In Person: President: Ted Downey; Director: Tanya Tomsic

Via Zoom: Director Don Davis, Director Taryn McGregor, Director Malini Nair, Ranjit Bhatti, Rudy Chroust, Tamara Bullock, Marika Lopez

Staff: Executive Director: Christine Petkau, Program Manager: Rupinder Bhatti, Communications Coordinator: Hannah Pringle

Minutes:

1. Called to Order: 5:32 PM

2. Welcome and Territorial Acknowledgement: Ted Downey opened the meeting.

3. Confirm Quorum: Quorum declared.

4. Adoption of Agenda: Motion to adopt Agenda. Moved by Malini Nair, seconded by Tanya Tomsic. Motion carried.

5. Approval of June 26, 2024, Minutes: Motion to approved June 26, 2024 AGM minutes. Moved by Marika Lopez, seconded by Don Davis. Motion carried.

6. President's Report: Ted Downey read his President's Report. Ted thanked the board members for their service and extended special thanks to Jag Sandhu and Fred Grewal for their years of board participation. Ted introduced new board members Taryn McGregor and Dr. Malini Nair.

7. Treasurer's Report: Read by Don Davis, Treasurer. Motion to approve 2024 Financial Statements prepared by Trevor Holmgren, CPA, as presented. Moved by Tanya Tomsic, seconded by Ted Downey. No questions from the members. Motion carried.

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8. Executive Director's Report: Delivered by Executive Director: Christine Petkau

9. Staff Reports: Client Support and Education and Awareness Reports - delivered by Program Manager, Rupinder Bhatti, Communications Report - delivered by Hannah Pringle

10. Adoption of 2025 Special Resolutions: Special Resolution – Changes to Section 8.3 re staff hiring

Previous wording of Section 8.3: The Board of Directors may, from time to time, appoint or employ other persons as they deem necessary to carry out the objects of the Society and such persons shall have such authority and perform such duties as from time to time may be prescribed by the Board.

Motion to change Section 8.3 re hiring of an Executive Director to the following wording:

Upon recommendation of a hiring committee of the board, the Board shall hire an Executive Director who will report to the Board through the Chair. The Executive Director shall administer the affairs of ESEBC and execute Board policy. Once in office the Executive Director shall provide advice to the Board on matters of policy and procedure.

The Executive Director shall be an ex-officio, non-voting, member of the board.

The Executive Director shall supervise the administration and personnel of ESEBC. All staffing matters including hiring, termination, salary and benefits of ESEBC's staff shall be the responsibility of the Executive Director. Where such decisions could impact Stakeholder Interests or breach financial limits the Executive Director shall request approval from the Board before action.

A committee of the board shall be responsible for reviewing the performance and salary of the Executive Director and have the authority to set the annual remuneration of the Executive Director within ESEBC's operating budget.

Q – question from member re composition of the hiring committee

A – to be established with Terms of Reference as needed

Motion to adopt 2025 special resolution moved by Tanya Tomsic, seconded by Don Davis.

All in favour.

MAY 27, 2025 AGM MEETING MINUTES

11. Election of Directors:

Motion to elect the following Directors onto the Board:

Tom Allen

Don Davis

Tanya Tomsic

Ted Downey

Dr. Malini Nair

Taryn McGregor

Moved by Marika Lopez, seconded by Rudy Chroust. Motion carried.

12. Appointment of Accountant: T.J. Holmgren, CPA Inc. was unanimously appointed to conduct next year's annual financial review. Motion to accept T.J. Holmgren as accountant for 2024. Moved by Ted Downey, seconded by Don Davis. Motion carried.

13. Questions from the Membership:

Q – re individual clients served per week

A – we get 5-7 new client inquiries each week, some of these are one-time-only calls from someone looking for a quick answer or support and sometimes they are individuals who become ongoing clients (several calls to work through an issue or for employment supports)

14. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn at 6:26pm.



CHAIR'S REPORT

Dear Members,

Welcome to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) for The Centre for Epilepsy and Seizure Education in British Columbia for the fiscal year 2025. It's great to have this opportunity to gather together both virtually and in-person to review our work last year and plan for the future.

Thank you to all the members for your support and dedication to the work of the Centre. Today, we'll discuss our financial performance, ongoing projects, and future goals. We'll also be voting on a resolution that makes a slight change to our constitution, so your participation is key.

I want to extend a special welcome to our new members and those attending for the first time. Your fresh perspectives and enthusiasm are appreciated, and we look forward to your contributions.

I'm grateful to staff at ESEBC for their contributions to the stability of the organization. Christine, Rupinder and Hannah have worked closely together to reach new supporters, expand existing programs, start new ones and stay on budget. I'm also grateful to the volunteers who have joined ESEBC to act as peer moderators in the Community Hubs, work in the office, and participate on the advisory committee.

At this time, I want to express my thanks to our Board of Directors for their generous gift of time in 2025. Thank you to our Vice Chair, Tanya Tomsic; Treasurer, Don Davis; and Directors, Taryn McGregor, Dr. Malini Nair and Tom Allen.

The board uses a skills matrix to identify gaps in our composition and following a board candidate search, we have invited two new people to join our board this year.

Michelle Precourt is an HR Consultant and business owner living in Squamish. She brings governance experience gained from her participation in the CPHRBC & Yukon's board of directors. As a youngster Michelle experienced seizures and remembers the sense of uncertainty and isolation that brought. Additionally, Michelle's Indigenous heritage can help us grow as a more inclusive and thoughtful organization.

Lisa Wills is a Product Management specialist living in Victoria. She also brings previous board experience as well as lived experience with epilepsy. Vancouver Island is an important region to ESEBC and an area where we intend to grow in coming years so it is a priority to ESEBC to have this region represented on our board.

Their perspective and participation on our board will be welcome.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Again, in 2025, the Province of BC provided us with a Gaming Grant of \$150,000 to support our annual operations. We thank them along with our other funders for their vital support for our work.

We also acknowledge and thank the many other donors, who, without their support, our society would not operate. These funders and donors are mentioned elsewhere in this report, and I invite you to take note of them.

In a world where many things feel unsettled, the history and work of our organization continue. It gives me great pleasure to say Happy 27th Anniversary to the Centre for Epilepsy and Seizure Education in British Columbia! We've supported thousands of people during that time and I'm proud to have been here for many of those years.

We're glad you're joining us today as well, both in person and online. The AGM is a wonderful chance to connect, share experiences, and strengthen our community. Thank you for being here and for your continued commitment.

Our mission statement says what we're all about – ESEBC fosters resilience and hope in British Columbians affected by epilepsy and seizure by offering person-centred support, education, and resources. Thank you for working with us to keep moving our organization forward.

Best regards,

Ted Downey

George E. (Ted) Downey
Board Chair



TREASURER'S REPORT

2025 proved to be a strong financial year for The Centre for Epilepsy and Seizure Education in British Columbia.

The Financial Statements for the year were compiled by the Society's Accounting Firm, T.J. Holmgren CPA Inc., from the financial records of the Society. As described in the Compilation Engagement Report, the financial statements were not subject to any audit or review testing.

The Society's Province of BC Community Gaming Grant continues to support a significant portion of the Society's operations.

We received grants from the First West Foundation. These were from the Envision Community Endowment to support capacity building within ESEBC and the Valley First Community Endowment to provide continued support for the Okanagan regional Community Hub. In addition, we received grants from Pacific Blue Cross and London Drugs to create a new video series.

The Society continues to demonstrate strong stewardship of its financial resources and is effectively managing its cash flows to ensure that the Society continues to meet its financial obligations.

The efforts of the Society to build awareness, reach out to new grant providers, and increase donations helped put the organization on a more stable footing going into 2026 as we work toward greater financial sustainability in the years ahead.

I wish to thank the Board, Christine and her team, and the Society's bookkeeper, Kathy Cousins for their continued support.

Regards,

Donald Davis

Donald (Don) Davis
Board Treasurer



TREASURER'S REPORT

**THE CENTRE FOR EPILEPSY
& SEIZURE EDUCATION IN BRITISH COLUMBIA**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2025

TREASURER'S REPORT

THE CENTRE FOR EPILEPSY & SEIZURE EDUCATION IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

DECEMBER 31, 2025

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TREASURER'S REPORT

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Compilation Engagement Report

To Management of The Centre for Epilepsy & Seizure Education in British Columbia

On the basis of information provided by society's management, I have compiled the statement of financial position of The Centre for Epilepsy & Seizure Education in British Columbia as at December 31, 2025 and the statements of operations, financial position and cash flows for the year then ended, and Note 1, which describes the basis of accounting applied in the preparation of the compiled financial information.

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial information, including the accuracy and completeness of the underlying information used to compile it and the selection of the basis of accounting.

I have performed this engagement in accordance with Canadian Standard on Related Services (CSRS) 4200, *Compilation Engagements*, which requires me to comply with relevant ethical requirements. My responsibility is to assist management in the preparation of the financial information.

I have not performed an audit or a review engagement, nor was I required to perform procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion, or provide any form of assurance on the financial information.

Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.



T.J. Holmgren, CPA, Inc.
Chartered Professional Accountant

Abbotsford, BC
May 06, 2026

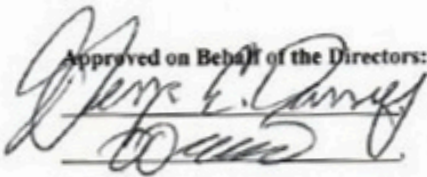
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THE CENTRE FOR EPILEPSY & SEIZURE EDUCATION IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash - General	\$ 29,144	\$ 16,469
Cash - Community Gaming Grant	488	150,008
Cash - Jaymie Lynn restricted fund (Note 2)	5,487	6,730
Prepaid	1,263	1,263
Due from government agencies	641	625
	<u>\$ 37,023</u>	<u>\$ 175,095</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accruals	\$ 1,933	\$ 2,096
Credit cards payable	1,140	1,255
Wages payable	3,269	1,354
Due to government agencies	1,703	3,868
Deferred income/revenue (Note 3)	5,486	161,588
	<u>13,531</u>	<u>170,161</u>
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted - ending	<u>23,492</u>	<u>4,934</u>
	<u>\$ 37,023</u>	<u>\$ 175,095</u>

Approved on Behalf of the Directors:



The accompanying notes form an integral part of these financial statements.
T.J. Holmgren, CPA, Inc

TREASURER'S REPORT

THE CENTRE FOR EPILEPSY & SEIZURE EDUCATION IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
RECEIPTS		
Gaming grants	\$ 150,000	\$ 149,996
Other support grants	40,005	46,150
Licensed gaming events	512	774
Receipted donations	8,535	2,544
Non-receipted donations	305	3,535
Jaymie Lynn fund	2,500	18,827
Other and interest income	100	776
In Kind contributions (Note 6)	8,354	-
Membership fees	102	-
Fundraising	3,566	3,503
	<u>213,979</u>	<u>226,105</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Technology and software subscriptions	4,270	3,093
Services to clients (Note a)	50,449	56,463
Education and awareness (Note b)	53,257	39,356
General office overhead (Note c)	87,444	96,905
Fundraising costs	-	735
	<u>195,420</u>	<u>196,552</u>
(DEFICIENCY) EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	<u>18,559</u>	<u>29,553</u>
NET ASSETS, beginning of year	<u>4,934</u>	<u>(24,619)</u>
NET ASSETS, end of year	<u>\$ 23,493</u>	<u>\$ 4,934</u>

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T.J. Holmgren, CPA, Inc*

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THE CENTRE FOR EPILEPSY & SEIZURE EDUCATION IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Surplus (deficit) for the year	\$ 18,558	\$ 29,553
CHANGES IN NON-CASH WORKING CAPITAL:		
- due from government agencies	(16)	552
- accounts payable	(162)	(661)
- due to government agencies	(2,165)	(1,517)
- vacation payable	1,915	221
- credit cards payable	(115)	620
- deferred grant revenue	(156,102)	(51,597)
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(138,087)	(22,829)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	173,206	196,035
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	\$ 35,119	\$ 173,206
Cash and cash equivalents consist of the following:		
CASH - GENERAL	\$ 29,144	\$ 16,468
CASH - COMMUNITY GAMING GRANT	488	150,008
CASH - JAYMIE LYNN RESTRICTED FUND	5,487	6,730
	\$ 35,119	\$ 173,206

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T.J. Holmgren, CPA, Inc

TREASURER'S REPORT

THE CENTRE FOR EPILEPSY & SEIZURE EDUCATION IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

The Centre for Epilepsy and Seizure Education British Columbia (The Centre) provides support, education, and advocacy for those who are affected by epilepsy. The Centre is dedicated to creating and providing support, information, and education to the families and individuals who live with epilepsy throughout British Columbia. The Centre is incorporated under the Society's Act of British Columbia and is a Registered Charity under the Income Tax Act (Canada).

1. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The basis of accounting applied in the preparation of the financial information is on the historical cost basis, reflecting cash transactions with the addition of:

- prepaid expenses
- accounts payable and accrued liabilities
- deferred income

2. JAYMIE LYNN ROBERTSON MEMORIAL FUND

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
Interest	\$ 106	\$ 176
EXPENSES		
Program costs	-	(16,327)
Scholarships	(2,500)	-
Surplus for the year (deficit)	<u>(2,394)</u>	<u>(16,151)</u>
FUND SURPLUS, start of the year	6,730	25,381
Transfer from general	1,150	-
Transfer to general	-	(2,500)
FUND SURPLUS, end of year	<u>\$ 5,486</u>	<u>\$ 6,730</u>

The Jaymie-Lynn Robertson Memorial Fund was created to preserve the memory of an individual who passed away due to epilepsy. Donations collected each year are restricted to use only for costs related to programs and activities. Unused funds are deferred to the year they are used as agreed by contributors to the fund.

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3. DEFERRED REVENUES

	BC Gaming Grant	Valley First Grant	Jaymie Lynn Robertson Fund	2025	2024
Balance, January 1st	\$ 150,000	\$ 4,858	\$ 6,730	\$ 161,588	\$ 213,185
Contributions received	-	-	106	106	159,876
Contributions recognized as revenues	(150,000)	(4,858)	(2,500)	(157,358)	(208,973)
Transfers to general	-	-	-	-	(2,500)
Transfers from general	-	-	1,150	1,150	-
Balance, December 31st	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,486	\$ 5,486	\$ 161,588

4. TANGIBLE CAPITAL ASSETS

Major categories of capital assets consist of computer equipment, software and furniture, these assets are used in the everyday operations of the Society, are expensed in the year of purchase and are not included in the statement of financial position. During the year, no capital assets were purchased.

5. FINANCIAL STATEMENT AREAS

a. Service to clients

	2025	2024
Service to clients payroll	\$ 46,197	\$ 54,763
In kind contributions	3,412	-
Summer camp	840	1,700
Total services to clients	\$ 50,449	\$ 56,463

b. Education and awareness

	2025	2024
Education and awareness payroll	\$ 44,606	\$ 34,476
In kind contributions	4,942	-
Scholarships	2,500	3,900
Awareness events	1,209	980
Total	\$ 53,257	\$ 39,356

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THE CENTRE FOR EPILEPSY & SEIZURE EDUCATION IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

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5. FINANCIAL STATEMENT AREAS

c. General office overhead

	2025	2024
COMPENSATION		
Salaries	\$ 22,462	\$ 28,654
Employee benefits	10,771	11,114
WCB costs	1,784	1,805
General compensation	35,017	41,573
OVERHEADS		
Rent	34,007	31,937
Occupancy - heat and light	2,746	2,685
Insurance	1,895	1,895
Legal and accounting	7,330	6,434
Dues and subscriptions	1,932	205
Telephone	1,763	1,667
Interest and bank charges	333	267
Office and other	1,175	3,554
AGM and other meetings	1,246	6,688
Allocated office	52,427	55,332
Total general and office overhead	\$ 87,444	\$ 96,905

These disbursements were allocated to the various programs carried on by the Centre. The allocations were based on the relative use of resources, including labour and administration, as determined by management.

TREASURER'S REPORT

THE CENTRE FOR EPILEPSY & SEIZURE EDUCATION IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

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6. IN KIND CONTRIBUTIONS

During the year the organization has recognized in kind contributions. These contributions include volunteer hours provided and subscriptions provided at zero cost. The value of in kind volunteer contributions is determined by volunteers hours provided multiplied by the fair market hourly rate for services. Management has determined that the in kind values fairly reflect the fair market value of hours and services provided. The value of subscriptions is based on the fair market value of subscriptions provided.

a. In Kind contributions expensed

	2025
Volunteer hours	\$ 4,510
Subscriptions	<u>3,844</u>
Total	<u>\$ 8,354</u>

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

I'm pleased to present the 2025 Operations Report for ESEBC. We continue to serve individuals affected by epilepsy throughout BC and in 2025 we reached clients in more than 50 BC communities.

In the office we are a "small but mighty" team, with three staff working together to accomplish a great deal. It's a privilege to work alongside our Program Manager, Rupinder Bhatti, and our Communications Coordinator, Hannah Pringle. Their dedication to our shared mission, along with their knowledge, expertise, and sense of humor, enrich our work every day. They are awesome to work with! We are also incredibly fortunate to be supported by a group of wonderful volunteers whose time, energy, and commitment help make everything we do possible.

Thank you also to our wonderful bookkeeper, Kathy Cousins, for her time and efforts on behalf of ESEBC.

We took on several new outreach initiatives in 2025. ESEBC made it's first presentation to the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services in Penticton as part of the 2026 provincial budget consultations. We did this in collaboration with BC Epilepsy Society to raise awareness about the need for provincial funding for epilepsy support programs.

Here in Abbotsford, we held a spring art exhibit called Epilepsy In Full Colour: Beyond Diagnosis. You will see paintings from artists who participated in the exhibit throughout this report. Then in fall, we created a Halloween door decorating contest for students in middle and high school classrooms throughout BC. You'll read more about these in other reports.

Grant funding continued to play an important part in financial stability in 2025. We're grateful to the Province of British Columbia for our 2025 gaming grant.

We received funding from the First West Foundation through their Valley First Community Endowment to continue funding the Okanagan Community hub. First West also provided funding through the Envision Financial Community Endowment for the purpose of organizational capacity building.

We also received funding from Pacific Blue Cross and London Drugs to create a video series on complementary therapies for epilepsy.

We're grateful to all our funders, donors, and monthly sustainers.

In 2025 we awarded two post-secondary scholarships to students whose lives are affected by epilepsy. The ability to award these funds comes from the Jaymie-Lynn Robertson Memorial Fund and we're grateful to the McIsaac/Robertson family for their generosity in establishing the fund.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Thank-you also to the Rotary Club of Abbotsford (afternoon club) for sponsoring a young person for summer camp. We are grateful for this ongoing support from Rotary.

Financially, the year was successful. Through increased fundraising, and the receipt of new grants, we were able to end the year with a surplus.

I want to thank our Board Chair, Ted Downey, and our board of directors for their hard work through the year, their pursuit of board education to enhance their work and for their continuing faith in me. They are a wonderful group!

2025 was a year of continued growth and we look forward to serving our clients in the year ahead.

Happy 27th Anniversary to ESEBC!

Warm Regards,

Christine Petkau

Christine Petkau
Executive Director



PS: Monthly donations, whether small or large, make a significant difference in our ability to plan and meet our financial obligations. Information about becoming a monthly donor is located at <https://give-can.keela.co/embedded-donation-form5> .

CLIENT SERVICES REPORT

In 2025, The Centre for Epilepsy and Seizure Education in BC continued to grow its reach and provide support, education, and connection to individuals and families affected by epilepsy across British Columbia. We saw increased engagement across many regions of the province as more people learned about and accessed our programs and services.

One-on-one client support remains at the heart of what we do. Individuals and families continue to reach out looking for guidance, resources, emotional support, and someone who understands the challenges of living with epilepsy. Many clients shared how meaningful it was to feel heard, supported, and connected to a community that understands their experiences.

An area of growth this year was our Epilepsy Community Hubs initiative. Following the success of the Interior Community Hub, we launched the Youth Community Hub to create additional opportunities for peer support and connection for young people ages 19-29. These peer-moderated, online communities provide welcoming spaces where members can ask questions, share experiences, and access support and resources closer to home.

Our Epilepsy Connect virtual support group also continued to thrive in 2025. The group provides a safe and welcoming environment where participants can openly discuss their experiences and connect with others who understand life with epilepsy. Attendance and engagement have remained strong, and many participants continue to express how valuable these connections are.

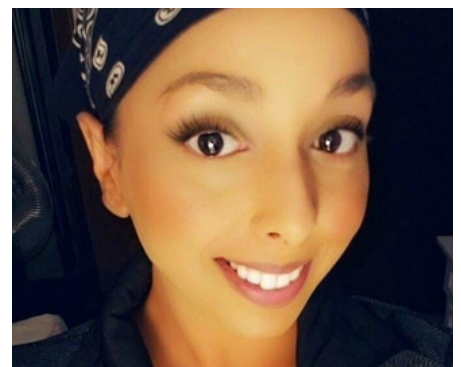
Our Mandala Art Series program also continued to grow in popularity and remains a meaningful outlet for creativity, relaxation, and social connection. Participants consistently share how much they appreciate having a calm and supportive space to express themselves.

As we continue moving forward, we remain focused on improving accessibility, strengthening community connections, and ensuring individuals and families affected by epilepsy feel supported, informed, and included no matter where they live in British Columbia.

Warm Regards,

Rupinder K. Bhatti

Rupinder Bhatti
Program Manager



EDUCATION AND AWARENESS REPORT

In 2025, we continued to expand our education and awareness initiatives across British Columbia, reaching more individuals, families, educators, caregivers, workplaces, and community organizations than ever before. We saw growing demand for epilepsy education and support across the province, particularly in the Interior, Vancouver Island, Northern BC, and the Fraser Valley.

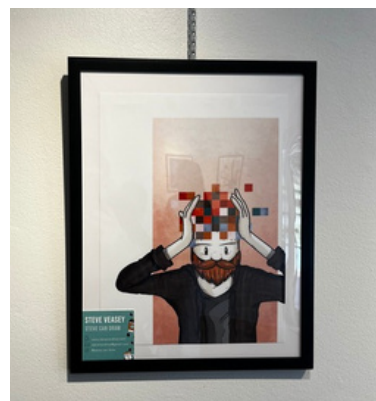
This year, we continued to deliver both virtual and in-person presentations focused on building understanding of epilepsy and seizures, reducing stigma, and promoting safer and more inclusive communities. Presentation topics included seizure recognition and first aid, seizure safety planning, understanding seizure types, and ways to support individuals living with epilepsy in schools, workplaces, and community settings.

We also continued expanding the educational resources available on our website at esebc.ca under the Education and Awareness section. These resources include information on seizure types and first aid, questions to ask your neurologist, daily living tips, treatment information, and frequently asked questions about epilepsy. New content, updated materials and a section devoted to medical practitioners were added to help ensure individuals and families across BC have access to clear, reliable, and accessible information.

In April, we proudly launched our first-ever Epilepsy in Full Colour initiative and art show at the Kariton Art Gallery in Abbotsford, creating an opportunity for individuals and families affected by epilepsy across British Columbia to share their stories and experiences through art and creativity.

As part of the initiative, canvases were mailed to participants throughout the province, allowing people from many different communities to contribute artwork inspired by their personal journeys with epilepsy. Artworks were mailed back to ESEBC, and the entries were exhibited in the gallery for the month of April.

It was heartwarming to see individuals and families represented from across the province and to watch community members come together in support of epilepsy awareness and inclusion.



EDUCATION AND AWARENESS REPORT

Through the month of October, we also launched our province-wide Halloween Door Decorating Contest for students and schools across British Columbia. The contest encouraged classrooms and students to creatively decorate school doors in support of epilepsy awareness while learning more about epilepsy and seizure safety.

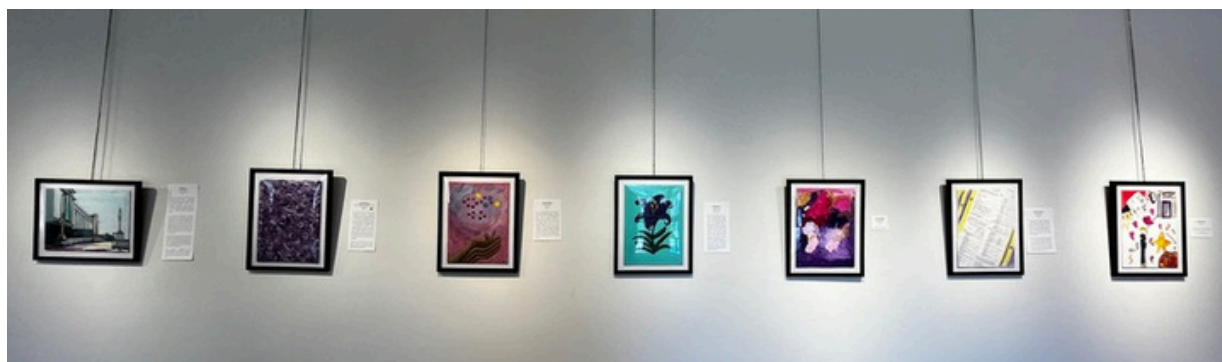
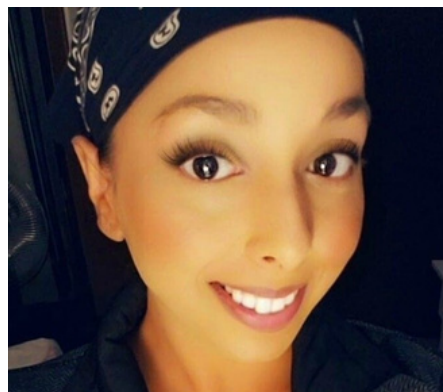
Schools from different communities across the province participated, helping spark important conversations about epilepsy in educational settings while promoting inclusion, understanding, and support for students affected by epilepsy. The contest brought creativity, teamwork, and community spirit into classrooms and provided students with a fun and engaging way to participate in Purple Day awareness efforts. The winning classroom won themselves a class pizza party!

As we look ahead, we remain committed to expanding access to epilepsy education and support across British Columbia while continuing to build stronger and more connected communities.

Warm Regards,

Rupinder K. Bhatti

Rupinder Bhatti
Program Manager



COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

Over the past year, communications efforts at ESEBC have continued to evolve with a focus on creating stronger connections, increasing awareness, and making support and resources more accessible to individuals and families affected by epilepsy across British Columbia.

Social media has remained a valuable tool for outreach and engagement. Through educational content, awareness campaigns, wellness-focused posts, and event promotion, we've worked to create an online space that feels informative, supportive, and community-driven. Regular content themes such as Motivation Mondays, Self-Care Sundays, and Fact Fridays helped provide consistent education, encouragement, and conversation throughout the year.

We also continued to build engagement through interactive social media campaigns and community participation initiatives. Dog Days of Summer invited individuals to share stories and photos of the animals that bring comfort and companionship into their lives, while Plant Purple encouraged people to take part in epilepsy awareness by planting purple flowers symbolizing resilience, hope, and strength within the epilepsy community.

In addition to awareness campaigns, communications efforts supported many of the Centre's events, fundraisers, and programs throughout the year. This included promoting initiatives such as our Love is in the Air Valentine's Raffle, Purple Day Partnerships, Epilepsy in Full Colour Art Show at the Kariton Gallery, Bid for Hope Online Auction, Fall Door Decorating Contest, and Holiday Giving Campaign, while also helping raise awareness of supports available through the Centre including our Kids Summer Camp Sponsorship Program, Jaime-Lynn Robertson Memorial Bursary, Epilepsy Connect, one-to-one support services, community hubs, and educational presentations.

It has been rewarding to see continued growth in engagement across our platforms and increasing participation in campaigns, events, and programs. These connections help strengthen our community and further the Centre's mission of support, education, and awareness throughout the province.

We look forward to continuing to grow and strengthen our communications efforts in the year ahead!

Warmly,



Hannah Pringle
Communications Coordinator



SPECIAL RESOLUTION - CONSTITUTION CHANGE

Special Resolution – Constitution Change

Change to item D in Purpose of the Society

A 2/3 VOTE OF ELIGIBLE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING, PRESENT AT THE MEETING IN PERSON OR ONLINE, IS NEEDED TO PASS THIS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS:

A. The directors of The Centre for Epilepsy & Seizure Education in British Columbia (ESEBC) wish to amend item d) of the Constitution of the Society to update the geographic areas of operation for ESEBC from the Fraser Valley to the entire province.

Current item d) which exists in the section The Purposes of the Society states:

d) To educate residents of the Fraser Valley about the signs and symptoms of seizure disorder.

BE IT RESOLVED AS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY that the following changes be made to item d) of the Constitution of the Society:

d) To educate residents of British Columbia about the signs and symptoms of seizure disorders.

(Current Constitution (2018) can be seen following 2nd resolution)

SPECIAL RESOLUTION - CONSTITUTION CHANGE

Special Resolution – Constitution Change

Change to item G in Purpose of the Society

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A 2/3 VOTE OF ELIGIBLE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING, PRESENT AT THE MEETING IN PERSON OR ONLINE, IS NEEDED TO PASS THIS RESOLUTION

WHEREAS:

A. The directors of The Centre for Epilepsy & Seizure Education in British Columbia (ESEBC) wish to amend item g) of the Constitution of the Society to align the Constitution's statement re ESEBC scholarship eligibility to reflect organization practise in this area.

Current item g) which exists in the section The Purposes of the Society states:

g) To award educational scholarships to individuals living with epilepsy or relatives of individuals living with epilepsy.

BE IT RESOLVED AS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF THE SOCIETY that the following change be made to item g) of the Constitution of the Society:

g) To award educational scholarships to individuals living with or affected by epilepsy.

(Current Constitution (2018) can be seen on next page)

SPECIAL RESOLUTION - PROPOSED CONSTITUTION CHANGE



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CONSTITUTION

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NAME OF SOCIETY: **THE CENTER FOR EPILEPSY AND SEIZURE EDUCATION
BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Incorporation Number: S0040241
Business Number: 86840 1746 BC0001
Filed Date and Time: October 25, 2018 03:41 PM Pacific Time

The name of the Society is THE CENTER FOR EPILEPSY AND SEIZURE EDUCATION BRITISH COLUMBIA

The purposes of the Society are:

- (a) To provide support, information and education to families and individuals living with epilepsy, their support staff, educational personnel, friends, co-workers, health care providers and anyone else affected by epilepsy.
- (b) To provide up-to-date and accurate information about epilepsy through the use of media and educational programs.
- (c) To provide advocacy for families and individuals living with epilepsy and advocacy for appropriate seizure management.
- (d) To educate residents of the Fraser Valley about the signs and symptoms of seizure disorder.
- (e) To establish and maintain a flow of information and support to government agencies, schools and medical professionals.
- (f) To receive charitable donations, grants, bequests or other forms of assistance.
- (g) To award educational scholarships to individuals living with epilepsy or relatives of individuals living with epilepsy.
- (h) To own, hold in trust, use, sell, convey, mortgage, lease, rent or otherwise acquire, dispose of, or use such property, real or personal, as may be required or beneficial for the good of the Society or for the carrying out of such projects that will be decided upon and be approved by the Directors of the Society.

PROPOSED SLATE OF DIRECTORS



George (Ted) Downey



Tanya Tomsic



Donald (Don) Davis



Tom Allen



Dr. Malini (Mal) Nair



Taryn McGregor

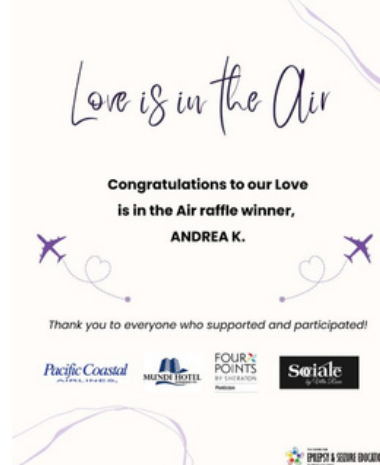


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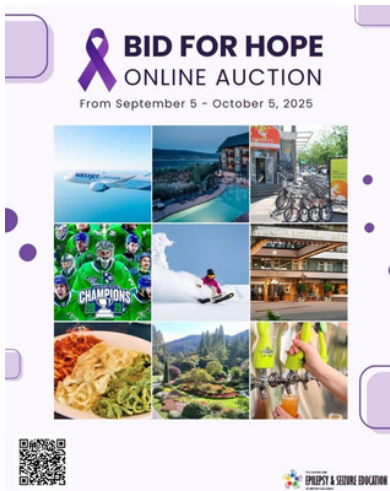
FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES 2025



February 2025 - Love is in the Air Penticton Getaway Raffle



March 2025 - Purple Day Partnerships



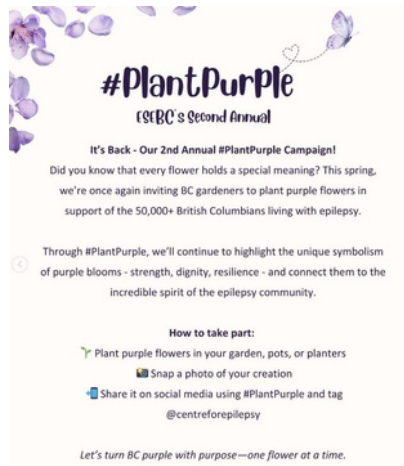
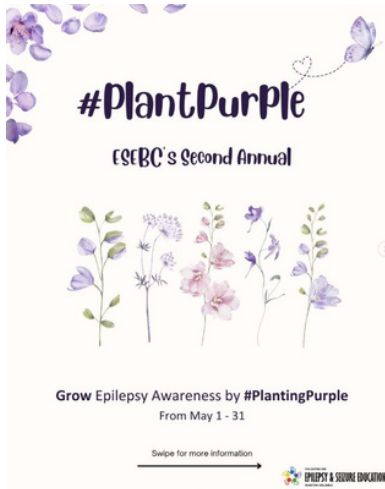
September 2025 - Bid for Hope Online Auction



December 2025 - Holiday Giving Campaign

SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGNS 2025

May 2025 - Plant Purple Campaign



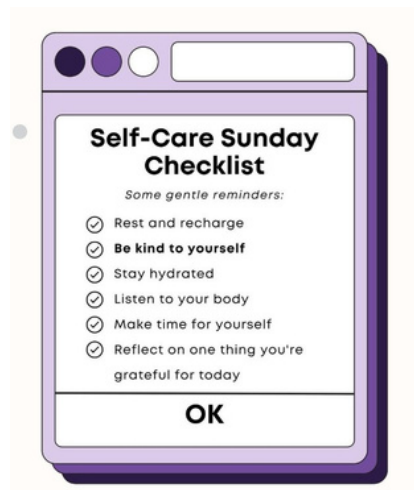
July - August 2025 - Dog Days of Summer



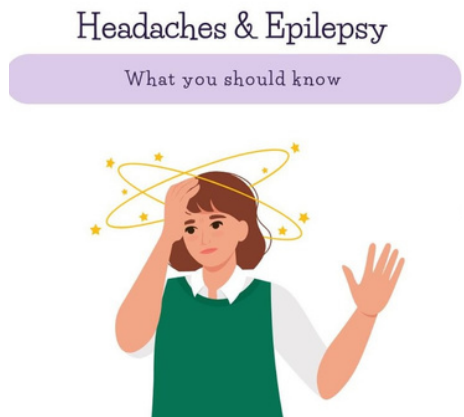
Motivation Monday



Self-Care Sunday



Fact Friday



EDUCATION AND AWARENESS INITIATIVES 2025

April 2025 - Epilepsy in Full Colour at Kariton Art Gallery



October 2025 - Fall Door Decorating Contest



CLIENT SUPPORT STATISTICS 2025

CLIENT SUPPORT PROGRAMS:

One-to-One Support Program:

2024 Stats:

- 281 Clients

2025 Statistics:

- 295 Clients

Epilepsy Connect Program:

2024 Stats:

- 70 Participants
- 10 Sessions

2025 Statistics:

- 88 participants
- 10 sessions

Mandala Art Expression Series Program:

2024 Stats:

- 70 Registered Participants
- 10 Sessions

2025 Statistics:

- 56 Registered Participants
- 8 Sessions

Online Community Groups:

2024 Stats:

- 36 Group Members

2025 Stats:

- 56 Group Members



EDUCATION & AWARENESS STATISTICS 2025

EDUCATION & AWARENESS PROGRAM:

Educational Presentations:

2024 Statistics:

- 31 Presentations
- 1081 Total Participants

2025 Statistics:

- 27 Presentations
- 801 Total Participants

Social Media Awareness Building:

2024 Stats:

- 1507 Facebook Followers
- 6000 Person Reach on Facebook

- 1006 Instagram Followers
- 24,000 Person Reach on Instagram

- 1500 YouTube Subscribers
- 675 LinkedIn Followers

2025 Stats:

- 1522 Facebook Followers
- 98,500 Person Reach on Facebook

- 1194 Instagram Followers
- 104,000 Person Reach on Instagram

- 1620 YouTube Subscribers
- 699 LinkedIn Followers

Location of ESEBC Clients (By Health Region):

- **Fraser Health:** Abbotsford, Agassiz, Aldergrove, Burnaby, Chilliwack, Coquitlam, Delta, Langley, Maple Ridge, Mission, Pitt Meadows, Port Coquitlam, Surrey, New Westminster
- **Vancouver Coastal:** Richmond, Vancouver, North Vancouver, Powell River, Squamish, Bella Coola
- **Interior Health:** Armstrong, West Bank, Kelowna, Kamloops, Penticton, Vernon, Salmon Arm, Revelstoke, Nelson, Clearwater, Trail, Castlegar, Cranbrook, Fernie, Williams Lake, 100 Mile House, Merritt,
- **Island Health:** Campbell River, Courtenay, Ladysmith, Nanaimo, Parksville, Victoria, Salt Spring Island, Saanich, Comox, Cassidy, Duncan, Langford, Chemainus, Sooke
- **Northern Health:** Fort St. John, Fraser Lake, Prince George, Quesnel, Smithers, Burns Lake, Peace River

JAIYME-LYNN ROBERTSON MEMORIAL BURSARY PROGRAM 2025



Thank you to Chad Robertson and Belinda Mclsaac for their continued support of our programs in loving memory of their daughter, Jaymie-Lynn Robertson.

2025 Recipients:

Adele J.

Victoria, BC

“Thank you so much for this bursary! it will be used to cover my first year of college in the field of psychology. I plan to use this degree to get a bachelors of psychology and into a masters of criminal psychology or counselling, not totally sure which one just yet! This bursary means so much to me, as it lessens the financial burden that college and university brings along with the years of learning ahead of me. Epilepsy was a sudden thing for me, and to be recognized for it is truly heartfelt. Thank you all so much!”



Adele J.

Maryam S.

Port Coquitlam, BC

“I want to sincerely thank The Center of Epilepsy and Seizure Education for choosing me as the recipient of the Jamie-Lynn Robertson Memorial Bursary. I am deeply honoured to keep Jamie’s legacy alive as I feel we are kindred spirits. I plan to use the bursary to support my post-secondary education at UBC for engineering. Along with alleviating financial stress, this bursary inspires me to continue pursuing my dreams. Thank you so much for welcoming me into such a beautiful community.”



Maryam S.

Special thanks to The Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company for their continued philanthropy to help us support, raise awareness for and educate families affected by epilepsy in honor of Jaymie-Lynn.

DONORS AND GRANTS 2025 - WITH THANKS

We are very thankful for all the support we receive from our community. Your contributions are essential to our success and help us achieve our mission.

We want to extend a special thank you to our 2025 donors and funders whose exceptional generosity has made a significant impact. We are deeply grateful for their support.



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Questions from the Membership



2026 Annual General Meeting



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