



2025 REPORT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



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Battle River Lending Place Society



RESTORING MOVEMENT * RENEWING HOPE * REBUILDING LIVES



ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION & YEAR AT A GLANCE

With the help of dedicated volunteers, generous donors, and strong community partnerships, the Battle River Lending Place Society continues to grow its impact across the region.

Our mission is to ensure that individuals in our community have access to mobility and daily living equipment when they need it most.

By collecting, refurbishing, and redistributing donated equipment, we help people maintain independence, safety, and dignity in their homes and communities.



Open Since January 25, 2024

1,014

Pieces of Equipment Supporting Independence in the Community

908

Clients Served

1,600+

Total Volunteer Time Contributed

FOUNDER'S REPORT

BEGINNINGS ARE IMPORTANT

Jane Ross

Cree Elder, Willie Littlechild says. *"You must know where you came from yesterday and know where you are today if you are to know where you are going tomorrow."*

Beginnings are important. They are often the start of other things.

As the parable goes, "Necessity is the mother of invention."

Battle River Lending Place began in 2021 after **Jack Ross** suffered a near-fatal stroke. Before Jack could be released home from hospital, ten thousand dollars worth of mobility equipment were needed. Personnel at St. Mary's Hospital emphasized that the need for mobility equipment should be addressed in our community. Moreover, the relationship between brain health and mental health was and is poorly understood. The need to address this lack also was and is great. So many things needed to be done.

Hazel and Morris Flewwelling of Red Deer responded next by bringing mobility improvement equipment from the Lending Cupboard in Red Deer. Forrest Hagen pitched in from the Waste Management site one day when he called to report there was good mobility equipment about to be destroyed by the crusher. Did we need it? Could we use it? Absolutely! Thus began the assemblage of available used-mobility equipment that was first stored in Forrest's Barn, Julie's garage and our garage, then eventually in a paid storage facility. Thankfully, Ken's Furniture and the Camrose Adult Learning Centre came to the rescue with complimentary storage space in the community.

Soon it was obvious that the fledgling mobility equipment "lending place" was more than ALL could manage and the dream of a community mobility equipment facility was born. Welcome volunteers were on hand to share the dream, and the plan for a place-based community development organization was developed. That first step has grown rapidly to become an impressive and collaborative self-help organization.

Yes, beginnings are important. As the Battle River Lending Place demonstrates so well, one good thing inspires others with the promise of more yet to come. **We wish them well.**

2026 AGM AGENDA

1. Welcome and Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of the March 27, 2025 Minutes
4. Presidents Report
 - a. "Under One Roof Update"
5. Executive Director's Report
6. Recommendations from the Board:
 - a. "That the Executive Director's position be increased from three days a week to four with a gross annual increase of \$10,000 retroactive to January 1, 2026."
 - b. "That with finances secured, legal requirements met, and conditions favourable, construction will proceed, contingent upon Builder's Insurance being secured prior to Commencement."
7. Presentation of Financial Statements and Approval of Budget 2026.
8. Recognition of Outgoing Board Members: Chad Treleaven and Susan Stockall
9. Introduction of Nominees for the Board:
 - a. Executive: President – Erhard Pinno; Vice-President, Cliff Drever; Treasurer, Leona Calhoun, Secretary, Susan Nigh
 - b. Directors: Mary Broen, Lorne Enright, Chad Gerber, Chris Innis, Glenys Smith
10. Election of Directors
11. New Business
12. Adjournment

Battle River Lending Place Society - General Meeting Minutes

Date: March 27, 2025

Time: 6:50 PM – 8:15 PM

Location: Camrose Heritage Railway Museum, 4707 47 Ave, Camrose, AB

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1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **6:50 PM** by **Chair Erhard Pinno**.

2. Attendance, Present:

Leroy Johnson, Glenys Smith, Tom Calhoun, Leona Calhoun, Ken Bruha, Mary Broen, Brian Bekkehiem, Christine Anderson, Cliff Drever, Erhard Pinno, Milt Gilbertson, Sharon Gilbertson, Dave Rogers, Rod MacInnis, Ron Grue, Don Rosland, Francois Girard, Janet Enns, Bonnie Maurer, Dwight Maurer, Susan Stockall, Julie Girard.

Chair: Erhard Pinno

Minutes Recorded By: Julie Girard

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda was moved by **Leona Calhoun**, seconded by **Cliff Drever**.

Motion carried.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

February 26, 2025 (Special Meeting):

Motion to approve by **Susan Stockall**, seconded by **Dave Rogers**.

Motion carried.

June 14, 2024 (General Meeting):

Motion to approve by **Glenys Smith**, seconded by **Cliff Drever**.

Motion carried.

5. Financial Report

Treasurer Leona Calhoun presented the financial report.

Motion to adopt the report was moved by **Leona Calhoun**, seconded by **Rod MacInnis**.

Motion carried.

6. Budget Approval

Motion to approve the **2025 Budget as presented** was moved by **Leona Calhoun**, seconded by **Mary Broen**.

Motion carried.

7. President's Report

President Erhard Pinno presented his report which included a short video presentation highlighting the history of the Battle River Lending Place Society.

Motion to accept the report was moved by **Erhard Pinno**, seconded by **Dave Rogers**.

Motion carried.

8. Executive Directors Report

Julie Girard presented the Executive Report as distributed.

Motion to accept the report was moved by **Julie Girard**, seconded by **Dave Rogers**.

Motion carried.

9. Election of Executive: Nominations were called three times from the floor.

No additional nominations were received. The following were declared elected by acclamation:

President: Erhard Pinno

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Vice President: Cliff Drever

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Phone: 780-608-3545

Secretary: Susan Nigh

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Phone: 780-281-1008

Treasurer: Leona Calhoun

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Motion carried.

10. Election of Board of Directors

Nominations were called three times from the floor; following nominees were declared elected:

Tom Calhoun

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Phone: 780-608-9567

Mary Broen

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Chad Treleaven

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Glenys Smith

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Susan Stockall

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Chad Gerber

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Phone: 780-678-7269

Motion carried.

11. Questions from the Floor

Sharon Gilberson raised a question regarding volunteer recruitment, noting the importance of engaging new volunteers to support the ongoing operations of the Battle River Lending Place Society.

Glenys Smith suggested exploring collaboration with CSL (Career and Life Management) programs as a potential source for student volunteers.

Sharon also recommended connecting with the local high school's work experience program, which could provide opportunities for students to volunteer as part of their course credits while gaining real-world **experience**.

12. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn was moved by **Leona Calhoun**.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

PRESIDENTS'S REPORT

Erhard Pinno

As we gather for this year's Annual General Meeting, I want to begin by expressing my sincere gratitude to our staff, executive, board members, and the many volunteers and supporters who have brought us to this point in our journey. What we have accomplished together is truly remarkable.

1. Where We Have Been.

Our story began in 2021 following Jack Ross's stroke, which highlighted an urgent need for accessible mobility equipment in our community. In response, Jane and Jack, along with others, began researching, gathering information, and collecting equipment. By February 2023, a group of committed community members gathered, and through shared good will and determination, an executive and board were formed. We established a clear vision: to lend medical equipment to those in need in our community. Today that vision is captured in our six-word mission:

Restoring Movement * Renewing Hope * Rebuilding Lives

At the outset, we faced significant challenges – we had no funding and no space. Nevertheless, we pressed on. We learned from the Medi Lend Society in Wetaskiwin and the Lending Cupboard in Red Deer, and began to see what might be possible in Camrose. A pivotable moment came when we met with Janis Carscadden, Director of Allied Health in Central Alberta, who encouraged our efforts and committed to seek government financial support for us. From there we made bold decisions: purchasing property through a private loan, completing necessary renovations, transferring equipment, establishing policies and procedures, and navigating insurance requirements. On January 25, 2024 we officially opened our doors.

2. Where We Are Now.

Since opening, we have made significant progress in delivering on our mission—but we have also recognized growing needs. A major milestone was achieved on March 14, 2025, when we received charitable status. This allowed us to expand our vision and capacity. Recognizing urgent space limitations, we launched our "Under One Roof" campaign to add 178 square metres (1914 square feet) to our facility.

Our goal was to raise \$300,000. In the next few months, we quietly raised \$100,000, mostly from individuals, and on October 4 we officially launched the public phase of the campaign to raise the remaining \$200,000. Now, I am pleased to report that – thanks to generous grants, donations, and strong community support – we have reached our goal of \$300,000. With great excitement, we are ready to begin construction in mid-May and, if all goes well, to be completed by the end of August.

3. Looking Ahead.

As we look to the future, we do so with confidence and optimism. The expansion of our facility will allow us to better serve our expanding community and respond to the increasing demand for our services. At the same time, we remain grounded in our mission:

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Finally, serving as president of this Lending Place is an honour and humbling experience. I am incredibly grateful to be part of such a committed and caring team, united by a shared purpose to serve others. Thank you for being part of this journey and for continuing to build something truly meaningful for our Battle River community.

Sincerely, Erhard Pinno



ERHARD PINNO RECEIVING A DONATION FROM VAL FAUCHER OKIMAW FROM THE SWANS AND ROSES CLUB.



ERHARD, GLENYS, LEONA, AND JULIE, RECEIVING A DONATION FROM THE QUILTERS GUILD

UNDER ONE ROOF UPDATE TO APRIL 1, 2026

Launched in October, the campaign brought together community members, partners, and supporters to share in a vision for the future of the Battle River Lending Place. Since that time, we have made meaningful progress toward our goal of \$300,000, thanks to the generosity and commitment of our community.

We are grateful for the many **Helping Hands (\$1–\$249)** who contributed. While each gift may be modest on its own, together they represent a powerful show of community support and belief in our mission.

Our **Kind Hearts (\$250–\$999)** supporters have provided important momentum to the campaign, including:

Battle River Quilters Guild; Eddie and Muriel Holdsworth; Forrest Hagen; Border Paving; Kurt and Elizabeth Bagden; Mary Broen; Morris and Hazel Flewwelling; Flavia De La Fuente; Dave and Gail Stolee; Joan Cunningham; Leonard or Karen Schlaut; Brian and Bonnie Austrum; Cory and Jadeen Schlaut; Trevor and Gwenith Brown; Dave and Patricia Rogers; Frank and Judith Hoehn; Max Lindstrand; Marcia and Harvey Vikse; Carl Hoyback and Shirley McFall; Don and Christina Rebus; Marie Buck; Francois Herbert; and Elaine Taylor.

We are thankful to our **Caring Friends (\$1,000–\$4,999)**, whose generosity has significantly advanced the project, including:

John and Carmen Person; Tom and Leona Calhoun; Gordon and Marlene Schlaak; Swans and Roses Lions Club; Richard Jackson; Darrell and Lila Rosaland; Marian and By Ressor; Alan and Valerie Fielding; Leroy Johnson; Catherine and Tim Hanson; Letha and Donald Saltvold; Marlene Gaalaas; Carol Rawson; Harry and Marjorie Gaede; and Maryann Wetsch. Anonymous (4)

We also recognize our **Community Builders (\$5,000 –\$9,999)**, Curtis Vesely and Dennis Johnson, for their generous contributions, along with our **Gifts of Dignity (\$10,000–\$24,999)** supporters: the Battle River Community Foundation, Vision Credit Union, Brian Bekkeheim, Cliff Drever, the Lending Place Pickleball Tournament, the Family Thrift Store, Glenys Smith and Erhard Pinno.

Our sincere appreciation is extended to our **Champion of Hope (\$50,000+)**, RBC, whose \$50,000 contribution has provided a strong foundation for the campaign, and Ron Grue for giving us a discount of \$50,000 in construction costs.

We also extend special thanks to our dedicated volunteers, as well as Ron Grue and Kevin Lindholm, whose expertise and guidance continue to keep this project moving forward.

Thank you Julie Girard for your time and experience applying for the grants.

Every contribution, no matter the size, is helping bring the Under One Roof vision to life:

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

CLIENTS

Julie Girard

In 2025, the Battle River Lending Place Society served **908 clients served**, with **471 individuals currently** active and supported by over **1,014 pieces of equipment** in the community. These numbers reflect both the growing demand for our services and the important role we play in supporting independence and safety at home.

Our inventory includes a wide range of mobility and daily living equipment, including hospital beds, lifts, and other essential items that are often required for longer-term use. By providing these on a lending basis, we help reduce financial barriers and ensure individuals have continued access to the equipment they need.



JULIE AND A FORMER TRUCKER OBTAIN A SCOOTER THAT WILL HELP HIM MAINTAIN HIS INDEPENDENCE AND MOBILITY.



ON VACATION WITH A BORROWER; CRUTCHES MAKING THEIR WAY TO PARIS AND ITALY.

VOLUNTEERS

At the heart of the Lending Place is a dedicated group of volunteers who make our work possible every day. In 2025, volunteers contributed more than 1,600 hours supporting both daily operations and community events. Len and Brian ensure our space remains clean and welcoming, while our office volunteers—Susan, Leona, Dave, Christina, and Anita—play a vital role in supporting clients and keeping operations running smoothly.

We are also grateful for our partnership with Centra Cam, whose participants bring energy and enthusiasm to our day-to-day operations, and for the many health care providers who work alongside us as we continue to learn and expand our understanding of the equipment our clients rely on. Together, these volunteers and partners strengthen our ability to respond to the needs of the community.



*REPAIR & MAINTENANCE COORDINATORS
LEN SCHLAUT AND BRIAN BEKKEHEIM*

*SUSAN NIGH, CHRISTINE ANDERSON,
LEONA CALHOUN, DAVE ROGERS*



CHAD TRELEAVEN AND THE TEAM OF CENTRAL CAM VOLUNTEERS

STAFF

Our small but committed team continues to provide essential support to ensure the organization operates efficiently.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
JULIE GIRARD**



From coordinating equipment intake and distribution to maintaining safety and sanitation standards, staff play a key role in supporting both volunteers and clients while helping to create a welcoming and organized environment.



**EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR
CARRIE PEDERSON**

COMMUNITY DONORS & PARTNERS

The Battle River Lending Place Society continues to be deeply connected to the community through meaningful partnerships, generous donations, and strong local support.

We are proud to work alongside organizations such as the Battle River Quilters Guild, Family Thrift Store, Battle River Community Foundation, the Legion, Rotary, and Camrose Women's Connections, whose ongoing contributions and collaboration help strengthen our ability to serve those in need.



**ERHARD PINNO
RECEIVING DONATION
FROM CURTIS VESELY**

We are also incredibly grateful for the many individuals who have supported our operations and contributed to the Under One Roof building project. Their generosity reflects a shared commitment to ensuring that essential mobility equipment remains accessible to everyone in our community.

Equipment donations continue to flow in from across the Battle River region. With more than 1,600 pieces of equipment in our inventory, all generously donated, we are able to refurbish and redistribute items to those who need them most. This not only supports individuals and families but also keeps valuable equipment in use and out of local landfills—demonstrating both community care and environmental stewardship.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The 2025 Charity Pickleball Tournament was a tremendous success, bringing together over 70 participants for a day of fun, connection, and friendly competition. The event created a welcoming and energetic atmosphere, with players of all skill levels coming together to support a meaningful cause in our community.

Financially, the tournament generated total revenue of **\$19,065.60**, with expenses of **\$6,026.70**, resulting in a net income of **\$13,038.30**. From this, **\$12,000** was directed toward the **Under One Roof Campaign**, helping move us closer to expanding our facility and increasing our capacity to serve those in need.

This success was made possible through the incredible support of our sponsors and community partners, including **Movement Masters, Lambear Travel, City of Camrose, Co-operators, Dr. Anderson and Dr. Minders, Save-On-Foods, C.E.L. Electric, Windsor Plywood, Vision Credit Union, Browns SocialHouse, Drever Agencies, Lamb Ford, Weber Funeral Home, Wideman Paint & Decor, City Centre Dental, and Royal LePage**, among many others.

We are also deeply grateful to the many local businesses and individuals who generously donated items for the silent auction, as well as those who contributed in-kind support to enhance the event experience.



PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT 2025

Beyond the tournament, we continued to strengthen our presence in the community through outreach and engagement. Presentations to **Camrose County** and the **Tofield Health Foundation** helped raise awareness of our services and the growing need in our region. We were also grateful to be part of the **Nordlys Film Festival coat check initiative**, which provided both meaningful fundraising support and valuable community exposure.

The holiday season also provided meaningful opportunities to connect and give back. Our **12 Days of Christmas Gratitude Campaign** allowed us to recognize and celebrate the individuals and organizations who support our work throughout the year. We were also proud to host our **Christmas Volunteer Appreciation Banquet**, bringing volunteers together to thank them for their dedication and to celebrate the incredible community behind the Lending Place.

BUDGET 2026

Revenue	Actual 2023	Actual 2024	Actual 2025	Budget 2026
Rent	\$0.00	\$14,400.00	\$15,600.00	\$15,400.00
Tournament Revenue	\$0.00	\$0	\$19,065.60	\$21,300.00
Individual Donations	\$0.00	\$10,399.18	\$32,723.70	\$30,000.00
Group Donations	\$4,313.00	\$15,000.00	\$710.99	\$5,000.00
Operating grants	\$37,500.00	\$54,000.00	\$76,200.00	\$75,000.00
Total Revenue	\$41,813.00	\$93,799.18	\$144,264.99	\$146,700.00
Expenses				
Office Supplies	\$1,726.09	\$3,420.14	\$4,499.74	\$5,000.00
Finance Charges	\$0.00	\$0	\$387.63	\$400.00
Advertising and promotional	\$387.94	\$3,247.14	\$5,239.64	\$11,000.00
Equipment Maintenance	\$729.01	\$2,651.82	\$798.09	\$2,500.00
Property Maintenance	\$16,718.70	\$15,864.10	\$4,854.80	\$5,000.00
Utilities	\$0.00	\$7,437.00	\$7,692.95	\$10,000.00
Tournament Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,026.70	\$5,800.00
Travel	\$0.00	\$1,139.60	\$786.28	\$1,500.00
Payroll	\$0.00	\$19,200.00	\$47,961.35	\$65,000.00
Insurance	\$0.00	\$7,040.10	\$6,870.84	\$10,000.00
Loan Interest	\$0.00	\$7511.08	\$6,362.46	\$5,385.00
Professional Fees	\$2,243.72	\$497.90	\$252.00	\$500.00
Transfer to Building Project	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00
GST Payable	\$958.79	\$2,442.25	\$1,038.40	\$1,000.00
Total Expenses	\$22,764.25	\$70,451.13	\$112,770.88	\$123,085.00
Net Income	\$19,048.75	\$23,348.05	\$35,515.00	\$23,615.00

UNDER ONE ROOF CAPITAL PROJECT REPORT

Funds Raised	Dec 31/2025	April 01/2026
Individual Donations	\$87,870.20	\$96,870.00
Group Donations (Family thrift store, Swans and Roses, Nordlys, Battle River Quilters Guild, Camrose Pickleball)	\$22,425.00	\$24,825.00
Corporate Donations (RBC, Vision Credit Union, Border Paving)	\$500.00	\$60,500.00
Grant Funding (Battle River Community Foundation, Government of Alberta)	\$15,000.00	\$140,000.00
Interest Income	\$65.28	\$134.76
Total Funds Raised	\$125,860.48	\$322,329.76
Bank Balance to Date		\$290,113.96
Committed Not Collected		\$24,000.00
Project Expenses		
Permits	\$5,167.60	\$5,167.60
Sink & Fixtures	\$1,000.70	\$1,000.70
Surveyor	\$1,575.00	\$1,575.00
Advertising	\$472.50	\$472.50
Total Project Expenses to date	\$8215.80	\$8215.80
Net Funds Available	\$117,644.68	\$314,113.76

Projected Expenses for Upcoming Build: \$300,008.50

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS 2023-2025

ASSETS		
Operating Account	\$9,834.69	
Under One Roof Operating Account	\$638.80	
Under One Roof Savings Account	\$102,142.88	
Total Current Assets		\$112,616.37
Building	\$200,000.00	
Leasehold Improvements	\$20,505.00	
Sea-Cans	\$8,295.00	
Total Long-Term Assets		\$228,800.00
TOTAL ASSETS		\$341,416.37
LIABILITIES		
Sea Can Loans	\$8,295.00	
Building Loans	\$145,450.00	
Total Liabilities		\$153,745.00
NET ASSETS		\$187,671.37,

1. Nature of Operations

Battle River Lending Place Society is an Alberta not-for-profit organization providing mobility and medical equipment free of charge to individuals in Camrose and surrounding rural communities. The organization is funded through grants, donations, rental income, and fundraising activities.

2. Basis of Accounting

These financial statements have been prepared using the cash basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized when received and expenses are recorded when paid. Capital assets are recorded at cost. No amortization has been recorded.

3. Capital Assets

Capital assets consist of land improvements and infrastructure used in operations and storage. Assets are recorded at historical cost.

4. Loans Payable

Loans relate to financing for sea-can storage units and building acquisition/improvements. Interest expense for the year totaled \$6,362.46. Terms and repayment schedules are governed by individual loan agreements.

5. Restricted Funds

Funds held in the Under One Roof accounts are internally restricted by Board motion for the purpose of facility expansion and capital development. These funds are not available for general operations.



LENDING PLACE CHRISTMAS PARTY '25



UNDER ONE ROOF - FUNDRAISER BBQ



51 WHEELCHAIRS AND COUNTING



JULIE & TRUCKLOAD OF WHEELCHAIRS



UNDER ONE ROOF GROUNDBREAKING



THE BEGINNING OF SOMETHING GREAT