

2023 Annual Report

The year 2023 was filled with meaningful initiatives for the WRSA. We continued our efforts in community engagement, support, and outreach in various new ways, as well as further developed ongoing initiatives.

Community Engagement



Community engagement this past year included participation in Open Streets Windsor and the Windsor International Film Festival, as well as hosting public tours.

This year's participation in Open Streets was our 7th year participating in this event. Our society's participation in this event featured an interactive booth with voting of favourite buildings along the Open Streets route, and a children's building and colouring station. Participation at this annual event provides with an opportunity to engage with the community in an approachable and informal manner.



"Architecture influences our daily lives from behind the scenes. This year's films celebrate these moments of beauty that often pass us by."

This act of "finding beauty" is all around us, whether understanding it in the spiritual infrastructure of our communities, as seen in *Detroit: The City of Churches*, realizing it in the mundane, as witnessed in *Perfect Days*, or discovering the beauty of shelter as seen in our final film *Life, Assembled*.

We hope this selection brings beauty into your world and helps open your eyes to these moments overlooked in our built environment."

—Windsor Region Society of Architects

THE 2023 SPOTLIGHT ON ARCHITECTURE INCLUDES:
Detroit: The City of Churches
Life, Assembled
Perfect Days

The Windsor Region Society of Architects (WRSA) supports and encourages the profession of architecture and is interested in a variety of social issues including urban gentrification, housing, access and the role of public spaces and livable communities. For the tenth year, WRSA has joined forces with WIFF to promote three films that bring attention to communities and public spaces, the built environment, the creative process and the role of architecture and design in the modern world.

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Our engagement with the community continued with the support of the Windsor International Film Festival (WIFF), thanks to the OAA's Special Project Funding received in July 2023. This year's 'Spotlight on Architecture' films surrounded the theme of "Finding Beauty" and included three films with a total of five screenings, which our Executive Committee were able to introduce.

Thanks to continued funding from the OAA, we have been able to continue to build upon our presence on social media. Our social media presence included a wide variety of topics including a continuation of society history, architecture tidbits and quotes, promotion of architects, and event highlights. We continue to see increases in engagement and interaction, and continue to receive comments from many in the community that they recognize and appreciate the information we provide online. We look forward to continuing with this in 2024, as we have found it to be the primary tool to build public

awareness of the Society, and to promote topics of equity, diversity, inclusion, accessibility, and sustainability and climate change.

This year our Society supported the photography exhibit titled “Disassembled” curated by Gerry Kaiser that featured past and present industrial architecture in Windsor. The WRSA sponsored the exhibit by hosting the opening reception which was well-attended by the community.

Education / Youth

As part of our mandate for education and outreach to youth, we participated in various initiatives this year to support this, in part thanks to special funding received from the OAA. This included continued participation in the United Way’s “On Track To Success” program. On Track to Success is a poverty reduction strategy that strives to alleviate barriers for children who are living in low-income families by providing extensive wrap around services, supporting them in their learning and development. OTTS consists of four main



program elements, academic, social mentoring, career mentoring and financial assistance of the student. A major component of the program is it strives to connect classroom learning with workplace applications and experiential learning experiences. Our partnership with the United Way allowed the WRSA to sponsor and mentor a student that is interested in a career in architecture and also expand our own WRSA education initiation. A few students in the program also obtained co-op placements at members’ firm in order to achieve their program requirements.

Our Society also held a variety of continuing education sessions including one by the CNIB (Canadian National Institute for the Blind) regarding design considerations for the visually impaired, as well as another on wellness design in workplaces.

History

Further to uncovering the Society’s history from the years 1939 to 1960, this information was published over the course of the year, running through these years and presenting historical information on local architects, society chairs, local projects, and topics of interest at the time. We plan on continuing this endeavour into 2024 with more research and compiling all of the research onto our website.

Suzanne Stiers, M.Arch., OAA,
Architect
Chair, Windsor Region Society of Architects



Financial Summary

Year: 2023



Date	Method of Payment	Vendor / Name	Account Balance	OAA Funding	Member Dues	Bank Charges	Donations/Gifts	Meetings	Office	Sponsorship	Value of HST Included	Notes
1-Jan-23	Available Funds	Opening Balance	\$9,650.31									
4-Jan-23	Etransfer	Windsor International Film Festival	\$6,650.31							\$3,000.00		WIFF 2022 Sponsorship (partial payment 1 of 4)
5-Jan-23	Direct Deposit	Eventbrite	\$7,260.31		\$610.00							Membership Dues from 2022 Collected on Eventbrite
6-Jan-23	Etransfer	Windsor International Film Festival	\$4,260.31							\$3,000.00		WIFF 2022 Sponsorship (partial payment 2 of 4)
11-Jan-23	Etransfer	Windsor International Film Festival	\$2,260.31							\$2,000.00		WIFF 2022 Sponsorship (partial payment 3 of 4)
11-Jan-23	Etransfer	Windsor International Film Festival	\$1,760.31							\$500.00		WIFF 2022 Sponsorship (partial payment 4 of 4)
20-Jan-23	Debit	Gladstone Commons	\$1,381.99					\$378.32				Dinner for Executive Committee Meeting
23-Jan-23	Deposit	Ontario Association of Architects	\$14,381.99	\$13,000.00								Special Project Funding from Fall 2022
26-Jan-23	Etransfer	Bike Windsor-Essex	\$11,381.99							\$3,000.00		Winter Wheels Sponsorship
27-Jan-23	Etransfer	Blab! Media	\$8,381.99						\$3,000.00			Social Media Fees (6 months)
31-Jan-23	preauthorized	Bank of Montreal	\$8,375.99			\$6.00						Plan Fee
31-Jan-23	preauthorized	Bank of Montreal	\$8,369.99			\$6.00						Etransfer Fee
31-Jan-23	preauthorized	Bank of Montreal	\$8,369.79			\$0.20						Cheque Fee
2-Feb-23	Etransfer	Blab! Media	\$7,979.79						\$390.00		\$390.00	Social Media Fees (6 months) (tax portion)
3-Feb-23	Etransfer	University of Windsor Catering	\$6,400.56							\$1,579.23	\$181.68	Sponsorship of Doors Open Windsor Opening Reception
14-Feb-23	Deposit	Ontario Association of Architects	\$10,970.56		\$4,570.00							Dues from 2022
14-Feb-23	Etransfer	Flowers By Design	\$10,862.15				\$108.41				\$12.47	Flowers for Funeral of Gerard's Mother (reimbursed to S.Stiers)
15-Feb-23	Etransfer	United Way Windsor-Essex	\$10,362.15							\$500.00		iMove Sponsorship
28-Feb-23	preauthorized	Bank of Montreal	\$10,356.15			\$6.00						Plan Fee
28-Feb-23	preauthorized	Bank of Montreal	\$10,353.15			\$3.00						Etransfer Fee
28-Feb-23	preauthorized	Bank of Montreal	\$10,352.95			\$0.20						Cheque Fee
8-Mar-23	Debit	Vito's Pizzeria	\$9,345.11					\$1,007.84			\$96.62	General Membership Meeting, Appetizers & Drinks
13-Mar-23	Debit	Taloola Café	\$9,323.34					\$21.77			\$2.18	Historical Committee Meeting, Beverages & Snacks
31-Mar-23	preauthorized	Bank of Montreal	\$9,317.34			\$6.00						Plan Fee
5-Apr-23	Debit	Cucina 360	\$8,380.69					\$936.65			\$92.95	General Membership Meeting, Appetizers & Drinks
6-Apr-23	Debit	Walmart	\$8,364.10						\$16.59		\$1.91	Notebook
11-Apr-23	ettransfer	Shane Mitchell	\$8,404.10		\$40.00							Membership Dues
11-Apr-23	ettransfer	Craig Skoyles	\$8,444.10		\$40.00							Membership Dues
24-Apr-23	ettransfer	Chapter Two Brewing Company	\$7,737.85							\$706.25		Sponsorship of "Disassembled" Photo Gallery Opening Reception
28-Apr-23	preauthorized	Bank of Montreal	\$7,731.85			\$6.00						Plan Fee
3-May-23	ettransfer	Suzanne Stiers	\$7,431.85				\$300.00					Donation to CNIB Ryan Hooey, for Presentation to Members
8-May-23	deposit	Ontario Association of Architects	\$20,931.85	\$13,500.00								Special Project Funding from Spring 2023
15-May-23	cheque #000053	Friends of Willistead	\$20,681.85							\$250.00		Donation to support Willistead
17-May-23	cheque #000054	United Way Windsor-Essex	\$15,681.85							\$5,000.00		On Track to Success Sponsorship
18-May-23	Debit	Rico Taco	\$15,542.90					\$138.95				Meeting re: Establishment of Historical Subcommittee
18-May-23	Debit	Rico Taco	\$15,523.42					\$19.48				Meeting re: Establishment of Historical Subcommittee
18-May-23	Debit	Windsor Eats	\$15,402.22					\$121.20				Meeting re: Establishment of Historical Subcommittee
23-May-23	cheque #000052	Windsor Public Library Board	\$14,626.22							\$776.00		Children's Book Collection "City Building Series"
26-May-23	ettransfer	Gerry Kaiser	\$14,426.22							\$200.00		Portion of Sponsorship to "Disassembled" Photo Exhibit
31-May-23	preauthorized	Bank of Montreal	\$14,420.22			\$6.00						Plan Fee
31-May-23	preauthorized	Bank of Montreal	\$14,419.82			\$0.40						Cheque Fee
12-Jun-23	Debit	Taloola Café	\$14,360.04					\$59.78				Executive Planning Meeting
14-Jun-23	Etransfer	Blab! Media	\$12,360.04						\$2,000.00			Social Media Fees (6 months)
30-Jun-23	preauthorized	Bank of Montreal	\$12,354.04			\$6.00						Plan Fee

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24-Jul-23	etransfer	Windsor Construction Association	\$12,254.04							\$100.00		Sponsorship of Women In Construction Golf Tournament
24-Jul-23	etransfer	Windsor Construction Association	\$12,054.04							\$200.00		Sponsorship of WCA Golf Tournament
26-Jul-23	Debit	Mezzo	\$11,954.04							\$100.00		Hole Gifts for WCA Golf Tournaments
31-Jul-23	preauthorized	Bank of Montreal	\$11,948.04			\$6.00						Plan Fee
1-Aug-23	etransfer	Cowlick	\$11,264.39						\$683.65			Webpage Hosting & Maintenance Services (annual fee)
9-Aug-23	debit	Vito's Pizzeria	\$10,097.66					\$1,166.73				General Membership Meeting, Appetizers & Drinks
31-Aug-23	preauthorized	Bank of Montreal	\$10,091.66			\$6.00						Plan Fee
29-Sep-23	preauthorized	Bank of Montreal	\$10,085.66			\$6.00						Plan Fee
23-Oct-23	Debit	Kurley's AC	\$9,998.54					\$87.12			\$6.55	Meeting with Doors Open Committee
26-Oct-23	Debit	Windsor International Film Festival	\$9,960.54							\$38.00		Tickets to Perfect Days with Intro
31-Oct-23	preauthorized	Bank of Montreal	\$9,954.54			\$6.00						Plan Fee
6-Nov-23	Debit	Kurley's AC	\$9,867.30					\$87.24				Meeting with Doors Open Committee
7-Nov-23	Deposit	Ontario Association of Architects	\$14,827.30		\$4,960.00							Membership Dues from 2023 Collected by OAA
7-Nov-23	Deposit	Veronika Mogyorody	\$14,867.30		\$40.00							Membership Dues
7-Nov-23	Deposit	Windsor District Labour Council	\$15,267.30							-\$400.00		Portion of Sponsorship to "Disassembled" Photo Exhibit
7-Nov-23	preauthorized	Shoppers Drug Mart	\$15,256.90						\$10.40		\$1.20	Stamps
9-Nov-23	Etransfer	Suzanne Stiers	\$15,200.94					\$55.96				Reimbursal for Meeting with Doors Open Committee
9-Nov-23	etransfer	Aaron Ashley	\$15,086.94							\$114.00		Reimb. of WIFF Tickets for OTTS Students
14-Nov-23	Debit	Kurley's AC	\$14,957.91					\$129.03			\$7.22	Meeting with Doors Open Committee
14-Nov-23	cheque #000055	Windsor International Film Festival	\$6,957.91							\$8,000.00		"Spotlight On Architecture" Sponsorship
20-Nov-23	cheque #000056	Ken Acton	\$6,614.58							\$343.33		Reimb. of WIFF Tickets & Dinner with OTTS Students After Film
22-Nov-23	Deposit	Ontario Association of Architects	\$21,614.58	\$15,000.00								Special Project Funding (Fall 2023) (Winter Wheels & Jeff Speck Lctr)
30-Nov-23	preauthorized	Bank of Montreal	\$21,608.58			\$6.00						Plan Fee
30-Nov-23	preauthorized	Bank of Montreal	\$21,607.78			\$0.80						Cheque Fee
19-Dec-23	Debit	Chapter Two Brewing Company	\$21,294.43					\$313.35				General Membership Holiday Gathering, Appetizers & Drinks
19-Dec-23	Debit	Chapter Two Brewing Company	\$21,086.49					\$207.94				General Membership Holiday Gathering, Appetizers & Drinks
29-Dec-23	preauthorized	Bank of Montreal	\$21,080.49			\$6.00						Plan Fee
		Closing Balance	\$21,080.49	\$41,500.00	\$10,260.00	-\$82.60	-\$408.41	-\$4,731.36	-\$6,100.64	-\$29,006.81	\$792.78	