

Xchanges AGM
April 28, 2024



AGENDA

1. **Call to order**, Traditional Hosts Acknowledgement
2. **Minutes from the last Annual General Meeting**
3. **President's Summary Report** of Xchanges activities for 2023/24 and future view
4. **Treasurer's Financial report** 2023/24
5. **Special Motions for the AGM**
 - a) None

Volunteer Committees

All committees can use more volunteers - please feel free to sign up!

Community Partners – Building Committee - Heidi
Gallery Program Coordinator - VACANT
Gallery Programming Support- VACANT, VACANT
Studio Coordinator - VACANT
Facilities - rotating studio artists
Building Maintenance: Susan Nonen
Fundraising and Sponsorship – VACANT
Membership Committee - VACANT,
Volunteer Committee - VACANT
Life Drawing Coordination

6. Nominations and Election of Board Executive and Directors for 2023-24

President - VACANT
Vice President - VACANT
Treasurer - VACANT
Secretary – VACANT
Director – VACANT
Director, Gallery Coordinator – VACANT
Director, Assistant Gallery Coordinator – VACANT
Director – VACANT
Director, VACANT
Director, Studio Coordinator, VACANT

Advisors to the Board

Kathi Thompson

7. Call for Volunteers for Committees - members are encouraged to volunteer for any committee or activity - bring your talents, skills and time to the many important activities at Xchanges!!!

8. Member's Open Table to discuss or bring up topics of interest or concern for Xchanges to consider for the future

9. Motion to Adjourn



All-time highlights

All-time stats

👁 Views	81,834
👥 Visitors	32,535
☰ Posts	114
💬 Comments	29

Most popular time

Best day

Monday

18% of views

Best hour

11:00 AM

8% of views

Most popular day

Day

December 11

2020

Views

501

1% of views

Community Presence & Programs

- Gallery Highlights
 - 21 submissions for this year (9 spaces available) – seeing greater diversity of media
 - Able to support artist fee increase of \$100 + \$75 for talk
- Life Drawing Highlights
 - Fully established drop-in pay at the door using Square Terminal
 - Expanded to Thursday nights - now 3x/week
 - New models coming on
- Promotion & Members Stats
 - 1285 followers on Instagram now, 1200 followers on Facebook, 1150 newsletter subscribers
 - 657 customers on Square

Projects

- **Physical Intersections Digital Collaborations** kicked off in September 2022 and completed in February of 2023. Final report submitted to Canada Council.
- **Community Partnerships in search of a home for Xchanges and other arts community members**
 - **Presentation to Victoria Foundation** continue to work on this project – ongoing.
- **Successful Intern project for the 2nd time!** Teresa Sammut completed the digital Archive on Xchanges website AND 115 YouTube Videos on a new playlist



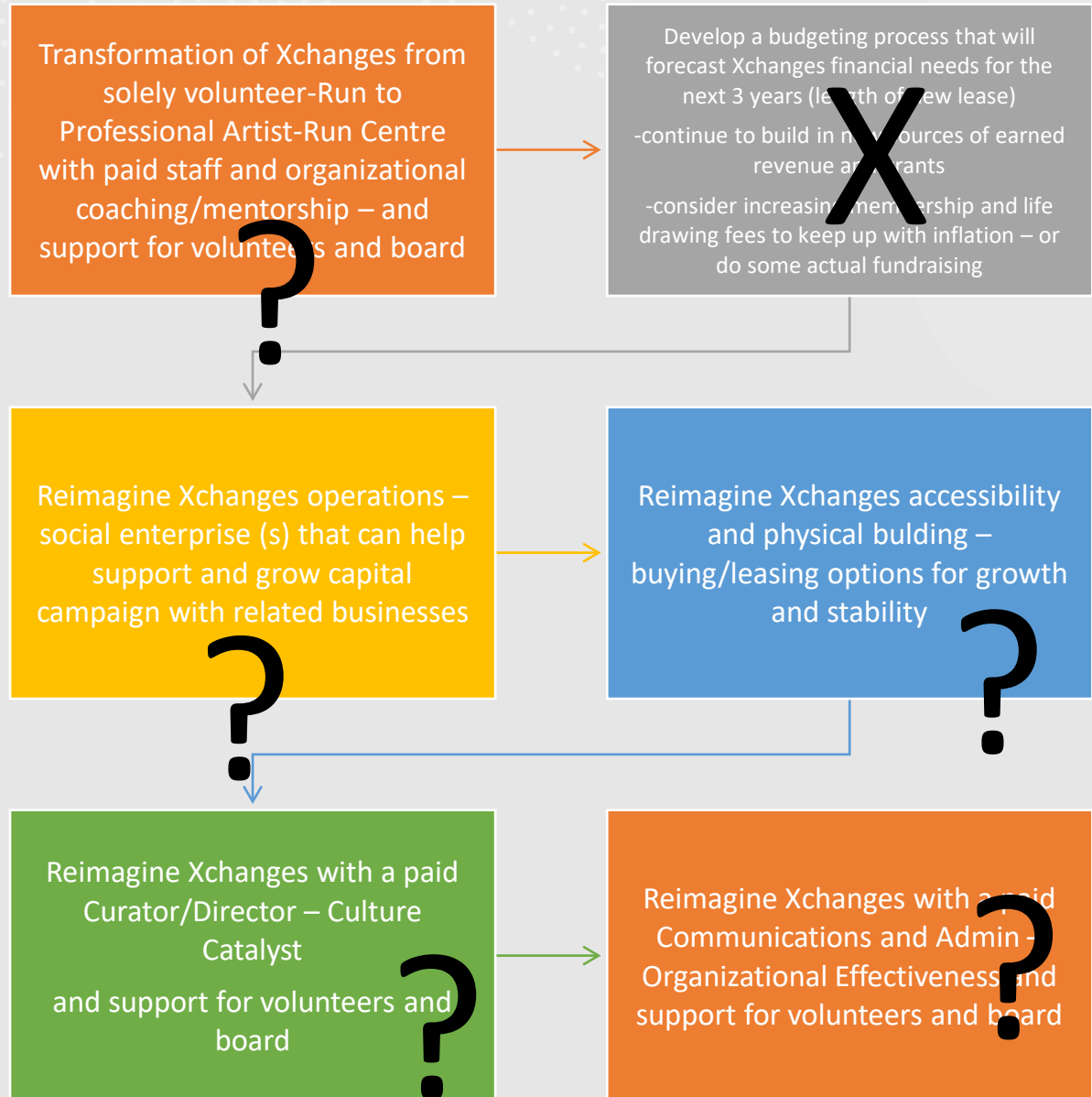


CHALLENGES, Issues and Opportunities

- Successfully negotiated a new lease whereby the base rent is still the same (\$11/sq '), but the CAM is the big crushing financial factor – the landlord does not predict how much it will be and this year Xchanges was hit with a \$7K tax bill. No support from the city for this as it is leased space....
- Board has worked hard to keep operations going – new funding for an intern, but inconsistent success with studio rentals means Xchanges has had to cover months of unrented space.
- Board turning over this year – need new people to step up and help
- Opportunity to rethink the Studio 6C – and help the community by creating a funded “equity” space
- Other ideas needed



What is the vision now?



THANK YOU

It is a massive effort to run a solely volunteer-based organization in these times. Volunteers are fewer to find, and everyone has busy lives and challenges.

Xchanges continues to play an important role in the arts and culture of the region and is needed more than ever.

Your participation is crucial to ensure the future of Xchanges so please sign on to help.

Many hands make lighter work!!

Thank you,
Heidi Bergstrom, President

