



# Chair's Report

2024–2025 Fiscal Year

***Prepared by Bob Fisher, Chair of the SMART Recovery Association Board***

The 2024–2025 year has been one of the most significant in SMART Recovery Canada's history. This year represented a decisive step toward becoming a fully independent national organization capable of supporting volunteers, participants, and communities across Canada. We invested time and resources in preparing SMART Recovery Canada for this transition by developing new systems, updating our branding and website, and laying the foundation for national operations.

## **Strengthening Canadian Operations**

This year marked our transition from functioning under SMART Recovery USA to building a fully independent Canadian structure. Major progress was made toward our long-term goal of managing all Canadian meetings, volunteers, training, and national communications internally. These efforts included strengthening policies, preparing new administrative systems, and ensuring a seamless transition for facilitators and participants.

## **Volunteer Network Growth and National Support**

Volunteers remain at the heart of SMART Recovery. Throughout the year, we continued to support a growing number of facilitators and meetings across the country. We also prepared for two major changes launching in 2026: full Canadian meeting management and Canadian-led facilitator training. Additionally, we advanced the new national Ambassador Program, which will enhance outreach, education, and community engagement.

## **Bookstore, Materials, and Access for Canadians**

We made important progress in developing a Canadian bookstore and securing Amazon distribution for SMART materials. This will ensure Canadians have affordable, local access to SMART handbooks and resources. Work also began on developing merchandise that will support both awareness and fundraising.

## **Financial Stewardship and First Independent Audit**

This year marked our first independently audited financial statements as a registered Canadian charity, a major milestone in strengthening governance and accountability.



SMART Recovery Canada ended the fiscal year with a healthy balance of \$26,930.28, positioning us well to expand programming and support our transition to full independence.

### **Looking Ahead to 2026**

The coming year will be transformative. Our priorities include completing the transition to fully Canadian operations, expanding national outreach, enhancing partnerships with treatment providers and community organizations, implementing a robust fundraising strategy, launching the Ambassador Program, expanding bookstore offerings, and strengthening our digital infrastructure. These initiatives position SMART Recovery Canada for sustainable, long-term growth.

### **Board Service and Governance Leadership**

Our Board of Directors provided strong governance, oversight, and strategic direction throughout the year. We are fortunate to have a committed team of board members who contribute their time and expertise to advancing SMART's mission in Canada. We also welcomed new candidates for election to leadership roles, ensuring continuity and stability in our governance structure.

### **Gratitude and Closing Remarks**

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I want to extend sincere thanks to our facilitators, volunteers, donors, community partners, and participants. Your commitment and compassion are what make SMART Recovery strong. Every meeting held, every message answered, and every person supported contributes to meaningful change across communities.

We enter 2026 with momentum, strengthened structure, and renewed clarity of purpose. SMART Recovery Canada is positioned to grow, support, and empower more Canadians than ever before.

Thank you for your continued dedication and for being part of this important work.

**Bob Fisher**

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President & Chair, SMART Recovery Canada

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