



MACKENZIE
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ASSOCIATION



2025-2026 ANNUAL REPORT

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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

As President, I am proud to present our 2025–2026 Annual Report, reflecting a year of growth, collaboration, and community impact.

This past year has been one of both challenges and accomplishments, bringing opportunities to celebrate successes while also navigating many changes along the way. Through it all, Delanie's second year as Executive Director has been a significant strength for the organization. Building on the momentum of her first year, she has continued to bring energy, leadership, and vision that have helped guide the organization through change while positioning MRA for continued growth. Her dedication to our mission and commitment to the communities we serve have been instrumental in moving the organization forward.

One of this year's highlights was welcoming two new summer staff to our team. From the very beginning, they jumped right in and exceeded expectations, bringing enthusiasm, dedication, and a willingness to learn. Despite being new to their roles, they delivered exceptional programming and made a meaningful impact in the communities they served. Their hard work and positive attitudes strengthened our outreach efforts throughout the region. Just as importantly, they developed a strong friendship and supportive working relationship that became one of the many positive outcomes of their summer experience with MRA.

We were also pleased to see many new applicants access funding opportunities through MRA this year, helping us extend our reach and support more individuals, groups, and communities across the region.

Behind the scenes, we continued the important work of reviewing and updating our Signature Events Host Guide, with ongoing plans to incorporate chaperone guidelines and practical checklists to further support our volunteers, strengthen our programming, and help ensure successful event delivery.

This year, we also updated our Strategic Plan to align with the SPAR Framework, helping to ensure that our priorities, goals, and decision-making processes reflect current best practices and position the organization for the future.

In addition, we made internal operational improvements, including transitioning to a new Bookkeeper who works closely with Delanie to streamline administrative and financial processes. This change has improved efficiency, strengthened our operations, and created opportunities to reduce costs so that more resources can be directed toward programs and services that benefit our communities.

We are also pleased to report that our Board of Directors has completed its decolonization and reconciliation workshops. While this marks an important milestone, we recognize that reconciliation is an ongoing journey rather than a destination. This work continues to require reflection, humility, and a willingness to learn and grow. As we move forward, we remain committed to applying what we have learned through meaningful actions that help create a more respectful, inclusive, and responsive organization.

As we reflect on the past year, we are reminded that the strength of MRA comes from the people and communities who support our work. To our partners, sponsors, volunteers, and community members, thank you for your continued trust, encouragement, and commitment. Your support allows us to create opportunities, strengthen connections, and make a meaningful difference throughout the region.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff, thank you for being part of our journey. We invite you to explore this Annual Report to learn more about the programs, events, partnerships, and achievements that have shaped the past year. Together, we have accomplished a great deal, and we look forward to building on that momentum as we continue serving our communities in the years ahead.



Erin Porter
President



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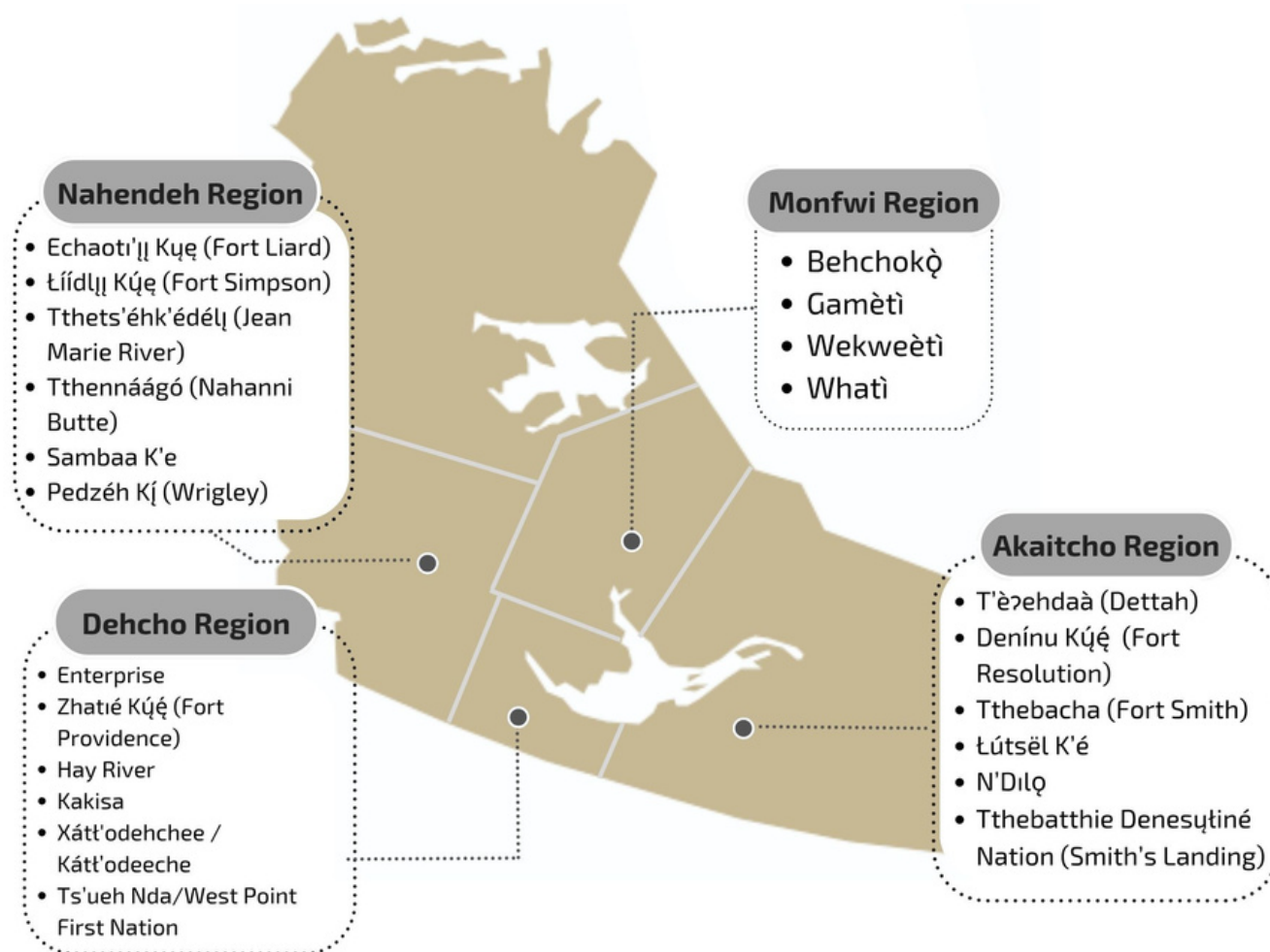
Scott Clouthier
Director

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MRA REGION



In 1993, representatives from 17 communities spanning three regions collaborated to pioneer a plan for regional recreation and optimize funding use. By 1997, the group expanded to 20 communities, meeting biannually to enrich regional recreation and continuously build capacity.

MRA became a registered society in 2001, continuing our unwavering support and promotion of recreation in MRA region communities. In 2023, after consulting with members and community leaders, changes to regional names and directors were implemented.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- **Timely, relevant, and accessible information and support.** *MRA is committed to being reachable and consistent in communications and support.*
- **Access to funding, professional development, and programming opportunities.** *MRA draws upon expertise and knowledge from MRA staff, MRA partners, and its network to circulate information regarding access to funding opportunities, professional development, programs, and services.*
- **Capacity building of community recreation leaders and volunteers to be their own best version.** *MRA fosters and supports the capacity of community recreation leaders to be confident and competent leaders by providing them with workshops, training, and other resources.*
- **Input in MRA development and strategic direction.** *Represent your MRA community at board meetings and provide feedback with regards to MRA program development and strategic direction. MRA represents part of the Mackenzie regions, and if the needs of the region change, so will MRA direction.*



THEMES & GOALS & ACTIONS

Based on the Active Living Framework



THEMES & GOALS & ACTIONS

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Invest in active living with sustainable, flexible funding

6.1 Support program delivery with transparent, accountable, flexible and user-friendly funding and reporting processes

6.2 Support communities to develop and deliver programs that reflect and respond to their unique needs and interests.

- Annual Report,
- Online application and reporting,
- Hosting guide,
- Recreation Initiatives Grant
- Aquatics and water safety promotion and events
- Summer camps (as requested),
- PD development grant,
- Recreation initiatives grant



ROAD BLOCKS

The roadblocks identified by the MRA team include: increasing expectations, turnover of community leaders, burnout of volunteers, lack of new volunteers, funding less available in the current economy, government priorities not aligning/supporting MRA, understanding the interests of youth today, and addictions.

MISSION

TO FOSTER ACTIVE, HEALTHY LIFESTYLES ACROSS THE SUPPORTED MACKENZIE REGION BY CONNECTING COMMUNITIES, STRENGTHENING LOCAL RECREATION AND LEADERSHIP, AND HELPING PROGRAMS ACCESS THE RESOURCES THEY NEED TO THRIVE.

VISION

A HEALTHY, ACTIVE REGION WHERE COMMUNITIES LEAD WITH CULTURAL RESPECT, RECONCILIATION, AND INCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERYONE.



OUR WORK

DEVELOPMENT

MRA prides itself in supporting the development of volunteers and leadership in recreation.

We provide professional development, support, and learning opportunities for board members, staff, and recreation leaders.

FUNDING

MRA provides funding grants to:

- support quality recreation services within the MRA region
- increase recreation opportunities for community members of all ages
- build capacity within communities.

OUTREACH

Based on demand and interest, MRA offers programming to:

- increase participation in sport & recreation;
- increase awareness of physical literacy;
- increase water & ice safety awareness;
- build capacity in the recreation sector



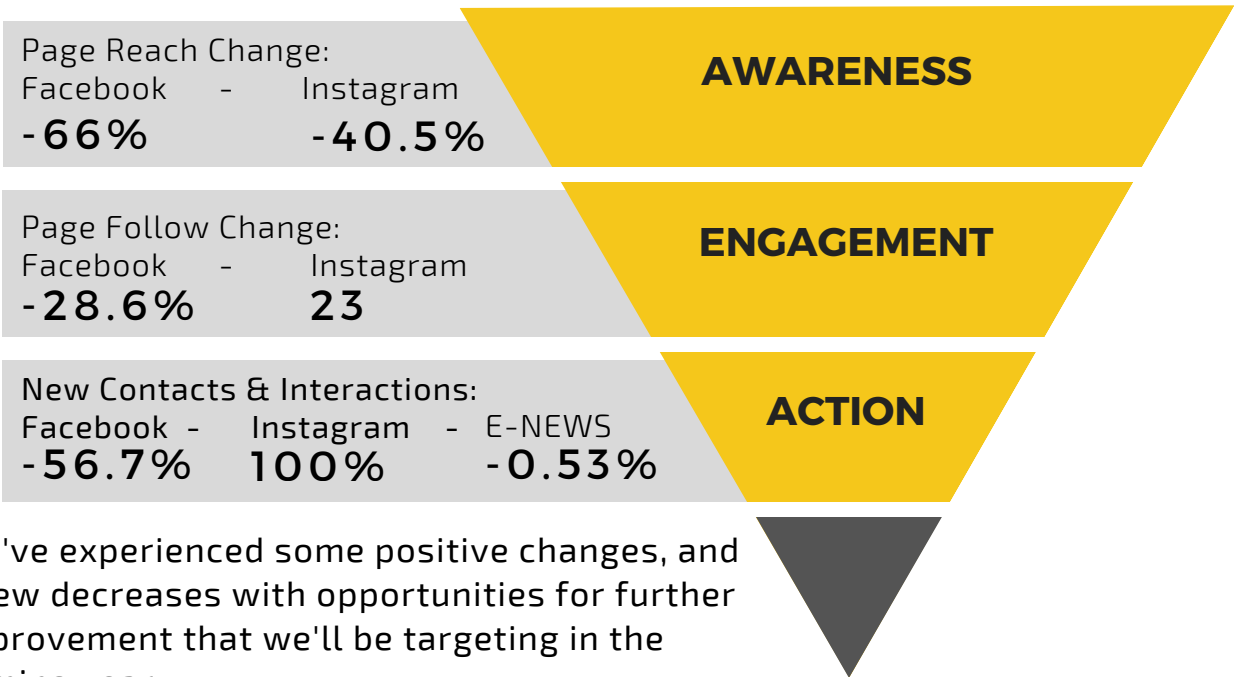
HIGHLIGHTS

The 2025–2026 year was marked by both challenges and growth. Throughout the year, we welcomed new members to our Board of Directors and staff team, including two new summer staff members who brought fresh energy and perspectives to our work. We also made significant progress on key organizational priorities, including completing our Decolonization and Reconciliation Action Plan and updating our Strategic Plan to help guide our future direction.

Like many organizations, we have faced hardships along the way, but our commitment to our mission and the people we serve has never wavered. Time and again, we have demonstrated that we are strong, adaptable, and capable of overcoming obstacles together. The support and contributions of our board members, staff, partners, volunteers, and community supporters have been instrumental in helping us navigate challenges and continue making a positive impact.

ONLINE IMPACT

GOAL: MRA's online presence and reach



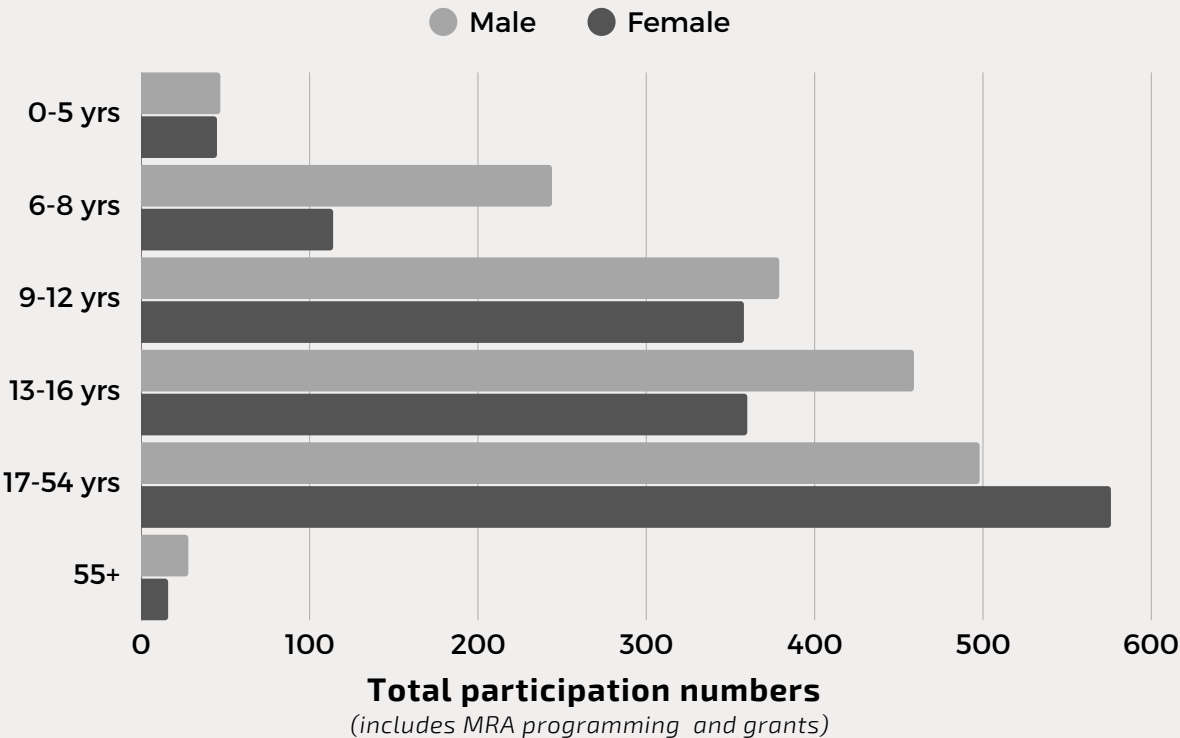
FUNDING GRANTS

GOAL: Increase participation of residents in the MRA region in sport and recreation.



This year, MRA provided THREE funding grants for recreation events and professional development, including one exclusively for individuals and families.

These grants aim to enhance recreation services, broaden community opportunities, and bolster regional capacity within the MRA.



2026 DIRECTION

IMPROVE THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE MRA

Policies, procedures, funding, membership development and improved communication with communities.

EVALUATION

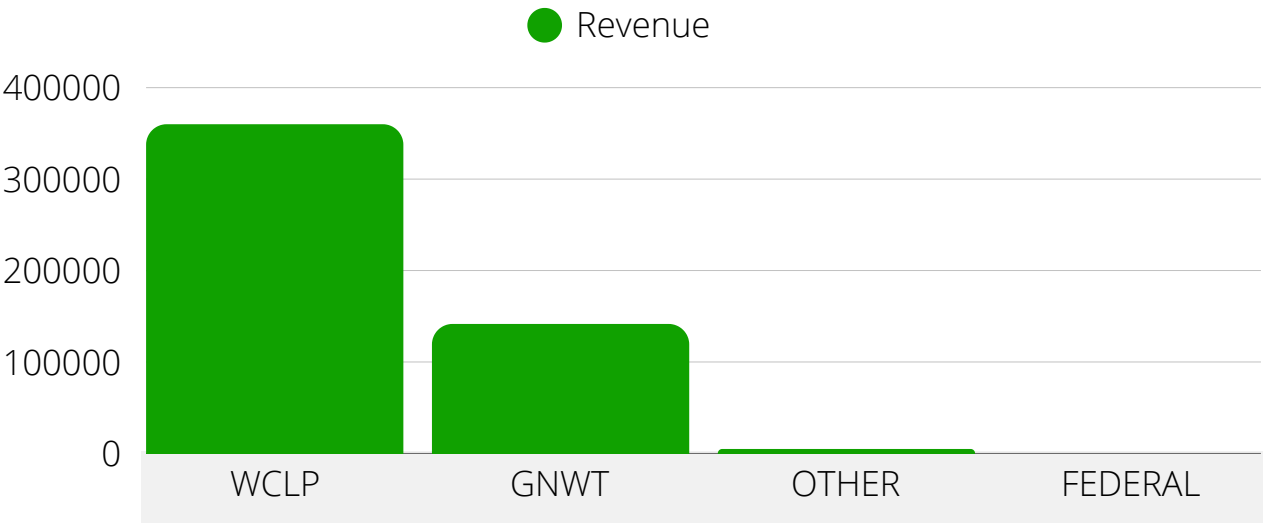
Update evaluation for MRA signature events, policies and procedures, bylaws.

IMPROVE PROGRAMS & SERVICES

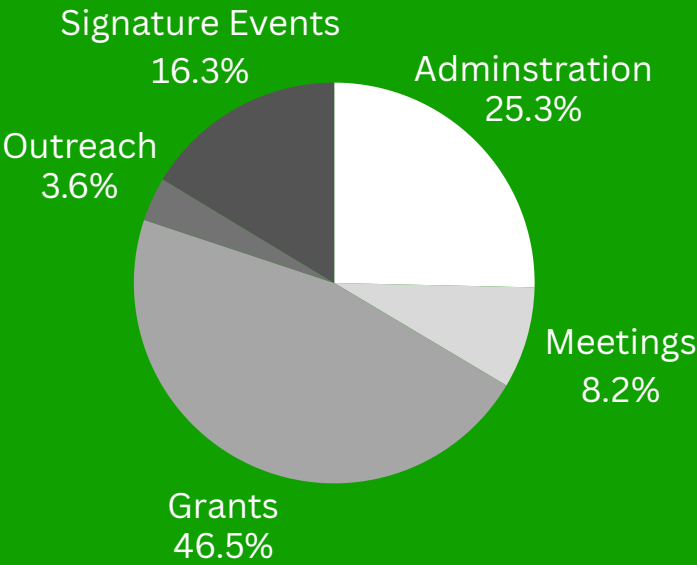
Not just participant numbers but overall experience and outputs. Summer programs, water safety, & physical literacy.



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



WHERE DOES IT GO?



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

MACKENZIE RECREATION ASSOCIATION

Object report

(Schedule 8)

Year Ended March 31, 2026

	Budget (Unaudited) 2026	2026	2025
Revenue			
GNWT			
MACA	\$ 360,000	\$ 360,000	\$ 360,000
MACA: Regional Youth Sporting Events (RYSE)	102,500	59,313	69,250
HSS: Water Smart	-	-	12,679
MACA: Recreation and Sport Contribution	100,000	82,277	75,610
Other			
Canadian Parks and Recreation Association	30,587	-	7,721
Other	15,155	4,869	3,235
Deferred contributions, opening	232,471	136,313	239,391
Deferred contributions, closing	(232,471)	(156,888)	(136,313)
	608,242	485,884	631,573
Expenses			
Advertising	6,100	1,250	-
Audit and accounting fees	17,500	11,255	20,093
Communications	1,000	1,223	1,813
Computer equipment and supplies	3,000	13,150	391
Dues, fees, registrations	11,300	7,174	11,062
Bad debts	-	1,960	-
Food (events, meetings, etc)	19,750	9,518	28,508
Grants	1,000	800	11,250
Insurance	6,000	9,952	16,964
Interest and bank charges	850	1,783	1,828
Materials and supplies	54,000	28,230	43,761
Membership/Affiliation fees	-	-	11,163
Miscellaneous	500	3,680	2,840
Office	3,000	315	2,564
Postage, freight and courier	1,600	264	543
Professional fees (instructor fees etc)	10,500	45,423	72,959
Rental (facility, equipment, vehicle)	17,000	6,054	6,240
Salaries and benefits	221,095	172,910	163,075
Travel			
Accommodations	19,300	23,901	27,755
Per diems	6,124	19,470	12,006
Tickets (Flights, buses, etc.)	130,523	127,572	196,758
	530,142	485,884	631,573
Excess of revenue over expenses	\$ 78,100	\$ -	\$ -

See notes to financial statements

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Sponsors and partners are an important part of MRA programs and services, they play a crucial role in our financial and/or logistical support. We wanted to highlight the organizations that have contributed to MRA's success throughout 2025-2026.

Thank You!

Your support is very much appreciated by everyone connected to the MRA!



THE TEAM



Delanie Vail
Executive Director



Reanna Brownlee
*Summer Program
Coordinator*



Kadence Norn
*Summer Aquatic
Program Coordinator*

"BEING PART OF THIS ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN AN INCREDIBLY REWARDING EXPERIENCE. OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, I HAVE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF WORKING ALONGSIDE OUR DEDICATED VOLUNTEER BOARD, CONNECTING WITH COMMUNITIES, AND PARTICIPATING IN A WIDE VARIETY OF MEANINGFUL EVENTS. THROUGH BOTH SUCCESSES AND CHALLENGES, I HAVE WITNESSED THE STRENGTH, RESILIENCE, AND DETERMINATION THAT DEFINE THIS ORGANIZATION. I AM PROUD TO BE PART OF AN ORGANIZATION THAT CONTINUES TO MOVE FORWARD WITH STRENGTH, PURPOSE, AND OPTIMISM FOR THE FUTURE."

Delanie





**GET IN TOUCH
WITH US**

