

2025 Annual Report

Assiniboine Park Conservancy



Mission

We enable connection — to nature, to community, and to each other — through exceptional experiences.

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Wildlife and humans alike enjoy the beautiful Riley Family Duck Pond.

WELCOME

For many, a visit to Assiniboine Park offers more than a day out, it's a chance to discover something new, connect with loved ones, or simply enjoy time outdoors. In 2025, the Assiniboine Park Conservancy (APC) continued to build on its role as a welcoming gathering place, creating meaningful experiences while caring for the natural world we all depend on. From winter activities and the beauty of The Leaf to engaging Zoo experiences, guests of all ages found new ways to connect, explore, and be inspired.

The Zoo's renewed accreditation with the Association of Zoos and Aquariums was an important affirmation of this work. It reflects the high standards that guide animal care, education, conservation, and guest experience, and reinforces the confidence our community can have in the Zoo as one of Canada's leading accredited zoological institutions.

Progress also continued in ways that make APC more accessible, inclusive, and responsive to community needs. From nature-based wellness initiatives such as PaRx (Prescription for Nature), to programs that reduce barriers to admission and participation, to events that welcome diverse audiences, APC continued to help more people experience the benefits of time in nature and the sense of belonging that comes from shared community spaces.

Throughout the year, seasonal displays, cultural celebrations, public programs, and special events brought colour, learning, and joy to our spaces, while partnerships helped enhance the food, beverage, retail, and service experiences that support a full day in the Park.

Behind the scenes, important conservation and research efforts continued to connect local action with global impact. Recognition for leadership in Poweshiek Skipperling butterfly recovery highlighted the strength of collaboration and the important role APC plays in protecting species at risk. The opening of the Wildlife Haven Rescue and Drop-off Centre expanded our ability to support injured and orphaned wildlife while creating another meaningful way for volunteers, staff, and community partners to contribute to animal care and conservation.

All of this work is rooted in people. Our staff, volunteers, donors, sponsors, government and community partners make it possible for APC to serve as a trusted public asset and a source of pride for Winnipeg and Manitoba. Their support allows us to care for cherished spaces, welcome guests, advance conservation, and create opportunities for learning, celebration, and connection across generations.

Thank you for being part of a community that values nature, invests in shared experiences, and believes in the importance of places where people and the natural world can thrive together.

Douglas E. Pollard
Chair, Board of Directors

Ray Karasevich
President & CEO

Founded in 2008, the Assiniboine Park Conservancy (APC) is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of community leaders whose affection for Assiniboine Park translates into a deep sense of responsibility to our stakeholders. They provide leadership, valuable guidance, and essential connections to the communities we serve. The Board of Directors includes representation from the City of Winnipeg as well as accomplished and respected leaders in our business, philanthropic, Indigenous, and post-secondary communities.



The Leo Mol pergola is a popular choice for many wedding ceremonies in the Park.

CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT AND REFURBISHMENT

Assiniboine Park Zoo

Over the year, numerous projects were completed to support improvements to the visitor experience and animal care facilities as part of ongoing operations and in preparation for renewal of our accreditation with the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

In tropical Toucan Ridge, an existing habitat was renovated to accommodate the highly-anticipated arrival of four ring-tailed lemurs.

In the Animals of Asia section of the Zoo, upgrades to the camel habitat included construction of a retaining wall and the addition of two new visitor viewing areas. Enhancements to the white-handed gibbon habitat included new plantings, misters, and updated flooring.

Other improvements included drainage work in the Amur tiger habitat, a new paludarium in the Kinsmen Discovery Centre for the black tree monitor, and installation of protective electric fencing around the kangaroo, wallaroo, and reindeer habitats.

Upgrades completed at the Doug Harvey, Jan Shute and Family Centre included decommissioning of an old pool and installation of air conditioning. These improvements will make the space more versatile and functional, allowing the Zoo to accommodate a greater variety of temporary exhibits and displays.

Updated signage was installed throughout the Zoo to improve wayfinding and enhance the overall guest experience.

Park Improvements

The Princess Auto Cricket Field, which underwent a major upgrade in 2024, received further enhancements with the installation of new batting cages and renovations to the cricket field house. Turf conditions were also closely monitored in preparation for the anticipated return to play in 2026.

A new digital sign was installed at the Shaftesbury entrance, improving communications with visitors by providing up-to-date information about events, activities, and experiences across the Park.

Accessibility improvements continued at the Nature Playground with the addition of a new wheelchair-accessible sand table, creating more inclusive play opportunities for children and families.

The Leo Mol pergola was rebuilt, ensuring this well-used space can continue to serve visitors and accommodate events such as weddings and community gatherings.

Behind the scenes, a redundant electrical connection with automatic transfer capability was implemented to help maintain continuity of operations during power disruptions and provide an important layer of risk mitigation.

The Leaf

At The Leaf, work continued to enhance infrastructure, improve accessibility, and support the overall visitor experience.

The second parking lot was asphalted and a new pathway was developed to improve access for guests. Completion of the outdoor water terrace created a beautiful new space for programming and events while further enhancing the Gardens at The Leaf.

Behind the scenes, fan coil remediation work was completed following damage caused by a water leak. The repairs restored functionality and helped ensure the continued reliability of this essential building infrastructure, supporting long-term operations at The Leaf.



Staff and volunteers gather at the Drop-off Centre, which had welcomed over 300 animals by year end.

NEW INITIATIVES

Wildlife Haven Drop-off Centre

In May, APC partnered with Wildlife Haven Rehabilitation Centre to open a new public drop-off location where sick, injured, or orphaned wildlife can receive temporary care before being transferred to Wildlife Haven's facilities in Île des Chênes, Manitoba.

The initiative reflects a shared commitment to wildlife conservation and builds on a formal partnership established in 2023 to advance the protection of Manitoba's wildlife and natural habitats.

Strategic Partnership with Levy Canada

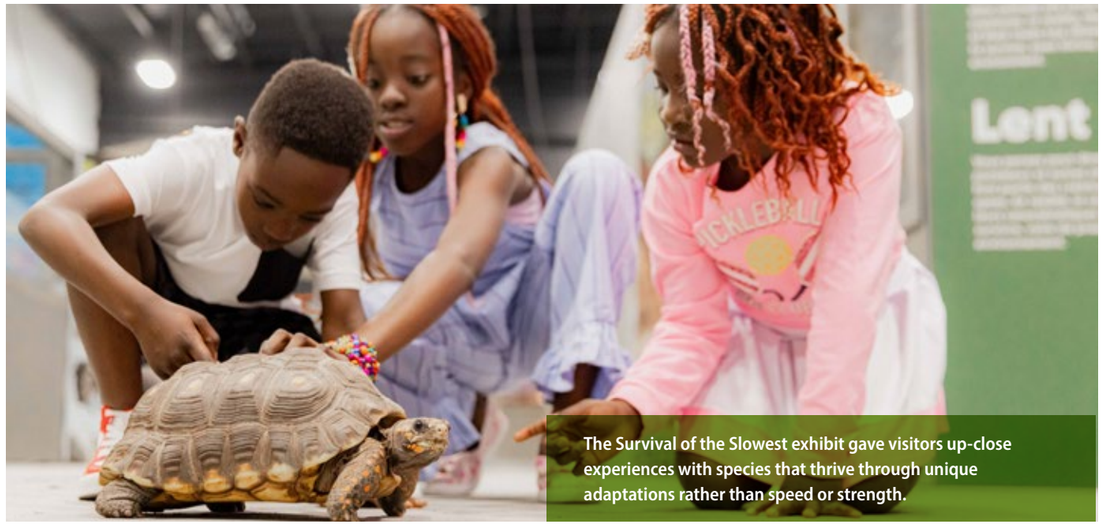
In June, APC entered into a new strategic partnership with Levy Canada to support the continued growth and evolution of hospitality services across the Park.
As a division of Compass Group Canada, Levy brings significant expertise in culinary services, retail operations, and large-scale events.

This collaboration will enhance service delivery through improved technology, increased purchasing power, and strategic investment in restaurant and retail spaces, building on existing strengths while preserving the Park's character as a welcoming public gathering place.

PaRx – Prescription for Nature

In September, APC partnered with PaRx, Canada's national nature prescription program, to promote the health benefits of spending time outdoors and reduce barriers to access. Through this initiative, healthcare professionals can prescribe time in nature to support physical and mental well-being.

Patients who receive a PaRx prescription are eligible for a 50% discount on an individual Inspire annual membership, providing unlimited access to the Zoo and The Leaf along with the many experiences offered freely throughout the Park year-round.



The Survival of the Slowest exhibit gave visitors up-close experiences with species that thrive through unique adaptations rather than speed or strength.

ZOO NEWS

Accreditation

In September, the Zoo renewed its accreditation with the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, which is recognized as the global "gold standard" in zoological and aquarium operations.

Following a rigorous inspection and evaluation process, the Zoo was commended for its strong animal care and enrichment programs, impactful education initiatives, and progress toward development of a new Animal Health Centre that will support advanced veterinary care and enhance visitor engagement.

New Arrivals

In 2025, we welcomed several new animals as part of breeding and conservation programs. These included a male **red kangaroo** from Nashville Zoo, a male **burrowing owl** from the Saskatchewan Burrowing Owl Interpretive Centre, a male **Turkmenian markhor** from African Lion Safari, and a male **red panda** from Greater Vancouver Zoo.

We also welcomed a pair of **Shire draft horses** to the McFeetors Heavy Horse Centre, along with several new ungulates, including two **muskoxen**, a **Siberian musk deer**, and three **West Caucasian tur**.

The Kinsmen Discovery Centre and Toucan Ridge welcomed several new residents, including a **Brazilian three-banded armadillo**, a pair of **Linnaeus's two-toed sloths**, a **scarlet ibis**, and four **Nicobar pigeons.**

Births

The Zoo celebrated several successful births throughout the year, including two **reindeer** calves, a male **red kangaroo**, a male **common wallaroo**, and a female **Goeldi's monkey.** The kangaroo and wallaroo births are particularly significant as part of the Zoo's participation in SSP* programs, with both animals receiving transfer recommendations to support managed populations at accredited institutions.

Notable Departures

In 2025, several animals were relocated to other accredited institutions through SSP* recommendations. This included the transfers of a female **white-handed gibbon** to Edmonton Valley Zoo, two male **reindeer** to an established herd at Parc Omega in Québec, and a male **red panda** to Greater Vancouver Zoo as part of an exchange that brought a different male red panda to our Zoo.

Seasonal Exhibits

The return of **Dinosaurs UnCovered** featured 17 life-sized animatronic dinosaurs representing species from the Triassic, Jurassic, and Cretaceous periods. Visitors encountered familiar species such as the Tyrannosaurus rex along with more recently discovered dinosaurs like the feathered Dakotaraptor.

Survival of the Slowest introduced visitors to species, such as the two-toed sloth and bearded dragon, that thrive through unique adaptations rather than speed or strength. The exhibit invited guests to explore how patience, camouflage, and energy conservation can be effective survival strategies.

* Through Association of Zoos and Aquariums Species Survival Plan ® (SSP) Programs, accredited Zoos work together to ensure genetic diversity among a population in human care.



The holiday show, Luminous, transformed the Babs Asper Display House into a magical world of light and colour.

LEAF NEWS

Fleurs de Villes

From January 16 – 26, The Leaf hosted **Fleurs de Villes ARTISTE**, an arts-themed display that featured 15 one-of-a-kind fresh floral mannequins created by local designers and inspired by curatorial partners such as the Manitoba Opera, Royal Winnipeg Ballet, Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, and Winnipeg Art Gallery.

Nearly 20,000 visitors experienced the display, which brought together floral artistry, culture, and storytelling throughout the stunning surroundings of The Leaf.

Seasonal Displays

In 2025, the horticulture team at The Leaf created five uniquely themed displays in the Babs Asper Display House.

Blooms in Winter: An Orchid Celebration
(January 30 – March 23) highlighted the diversity and beauty of orchids while exploring their ecological importance in Manitoba and around the world.

Green Thumbs, Green Future: The Sustainable Garden
(March 27 – June 1) invited visitors to explore sustainable gardening practices and the environmentally responsible design features of The Leaf.

Cool Gardens at The Leaf
(June 6–September 7), presented by Storefront Manitoba, showcased innovative landscape art as part of an international design competition, with installations located in the Display House and outdoors in the Sensory Garden.

The Enchanted Forest
(September 12 – November 16) celebrated the beauty and resilience of trees. A focal point of the display was a cross section of an elm tree that stood in the Park from 1913 to 2023.

Luminous: A Celebration of Light, Wonder & Botanical Glow
(November 22 – January 11) created a warm and engaging holiday experience through imaginative lighting and festive colour.

New Experiences

Throughout the year, The Leaf continued to expand its offering of programs and experiences that connect visitors with plants, food, and well-being.

New **Garden to Gather** experiences invited guests to explore the Kitchen Garden through guided tours before enjoying a curated multicourse meal at Gather Craft Kitchen & Bar.

Leaf Unplugged introduced a calming, adults-only experience centred on relaxation, mindfulness, and the restorative qualities of plants.

Educational programming explored a wide range of topics and activities, from forest bathing, edible plants, and tea sampling to cocktail making and Métis beading. Culinary programming also continued to expand with foodie events and a baking series for junior chefs. During the holiday season, musical programming added to the visitor experience and brought an added sense of celebration to The Leaf.

Special Events

In May, The Leaf hosted **Rendez-vous Canada,** the country's premier international tourism marketplace, welcoming approximately 1,200 attendees from around the world. This is the largest event held at The Leaf to date.

In September, The Leaf welcomed 113 horticulture professionals from 50 botanical gardens across North America for the Horticulture, Greenhouse & Facilities Symposium hosted by the **American Public Gardens Association.**



The first ever We Are Winter Celebration welcomed over 3,000 visitors to embrace the cold and spend time outdoors in the Park.

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ENGAGEMENT

Signature Events

In January 2025, APC hosted the inaugural **We Are Winter Celebration**, a three-day celebration of the season that welcomed more than 3,000 visitors. Guests enjoyed free, family-friendly activities including snowshoeing, skiing, skating and ice biking, with many experiencing these winter activities for the first time. The event also featured guided tours, live entertainment, an '80s skate and ski night, an outdoor movie sing-along, and a glow skate.

Locked Zoo returned on June 13 and 14 with a brand-new game. The after-hours, adults-only experience, presented by Manitoba Liquor Mart, challenged teams to work together to solve puzzles and crack clues inspired by some of the world's largest and most recognizable species. The event combined fun, competition, and learning in a unique Zoo setting.

The Summer Entertainment Series presented by Casinos of Winnipeg once again featured celebrations on National Indigenous Peoples Day and Canada Day, along with live music, wellness activities, movies, and art exhibits through July and August. All events were offered free of charge thanks to sponsors, grants, and donor support.

Brew at the Zoo presented by Manitoba Liquor Mart returned on September 12 for another sold-out evening featuring beer, cider, wine, ready-to-drink cocktails, spirits, and non-alcoholic offerings from Manitoba, Canada, and beyond. The popular adults-only event invited guests to sip, sample, and savour while enjoying live music and interactive experiences throughout the Zoo.

Boo at the Zoo presented by Access Credit Union ran for 21 nights from October 3–31, transforming the Zoo into the enchanting world of Spookyville. New themed displays, experiences, and activities complemented returning favourites such as rides, costumed characters, and live entertainment. The event continued to grow as a must-do fall tradition.

Zoo Lights presented by Red River Co-op returned for 32 nights from November 21, 2025, to January 3, 2026. The event featured more than 1.75 million lights, interactive displays, live entertainment, and seasonal activities. New additions included an indoor aurora display and expanded games and programming. Special events included a Sensory Night and New Year's celebrations for all ages.

Corporate Social Responsibility

In 2025, **22,500 Community Access Vouchers** were distributed through the United Way and other community agencies, providing free admission to the Zoo and The Leaf for individuals and families facing health or socio-economic challenges. This program also played a key role in supporting northern residents impacted by wildfires – allowing families to find respite and relaxation during a difficult time.

With support from the donor-funded **ParkShare TODAY program**, 6565 participants from 363 groups participated in fully funded educational experiences across the Park, Zoo, and The Leaf.

On June 5, APC hosted the **tenth annual Wildest Dreams event**, welcoming children and families facing health and socio-economic challenges to a memorable evening at the Zoo filled with unique and meaningful experiences, including complimentary admission, food, activities, and entertainment.

The LifeTime program presented by the Kinsmen Club of Winnipeg continued to connect older adults facing financial, transportation, and social barriers with guided monthly experiences at The Leaf, with approximately 126 participants taking part each month.

Diversity and Inclusion

On May 24 and 25, APC hosted **Pride in the Park** activities at the Zoo and The Leaf, reinforcing our commitment to creating a welcoming and inclusive environment where all visitors feel safe and celebrated. A portion of sales from Zoo and Leaf admissions was donated to the Rainbow Resource Centre and Sunshine House, with $7,700 shared between the two organizations.

On September 30, APC observed the **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day)** by hosting a Sacred Fire in the Indigenous Peoples Garden at The Leaf. Visitors were invited to reflect and learn while supporting Indigenous-led organizations. A donation of over $10,000 was shared between the Orange Shirt Society and Ka Ni Kanichihk – Those Who Lead, through contributions from admissions, orange ribbon donations, and orange shirt sales.

Conservation and Sustainability

Throughout the year, APC offered a range of engaging, family-friendly programs designed to promote awareness of wildlife conservation and environmental sustainability.

Highlights included **International Polar Bear Day**, where visitors learned about the Zoo's leadership in polar bear care and conservation, and **Red Panda Weekend,** featuring interactive activities to raise awareness about species protection.

The **Party for the Planet** series brought together visitors and community members through events aligned with Earth Day, Endangered Species Day, and World Ocean Day. Programming included educational Zoo tours, conservation workshops at The Leaf, and hands-on activities to inspire environmental action. Volunteers participated in a **Shoreline Cleanup**, helping protect local waterways and wildlife, and a **BioBlitz**, contributing valuable biodiversity data through citizen science initiatives.



Boo at the Zoo continues to be a beloved tradition for those young and old.



A major gift supported an initiative to plant and establish 200 new trees annually over the next three years.

FUNDRAISING HIGHLIGHTS

Strong philanthropic support from across our community continues to play a vital role in advancing the work of APC. Contributions from individuals, corporations, and foundations help sustain and enhance the Park, Zoo, and The Leaf, and we are sincerely grateful for the generosity shown throughout the year.

Garden Party and Online Raffle

On a summer evening in August, the Leo Mol Sculpture Garden once again provided a stunning backdrop for our signature Garden Party fundraiser. Guests enjoyed 'An Evening Celebrating La Dolce Vita'. The 2025 Garden Party and Online Auction raised over $280,000.

Our second annual Online Fundraising Raffle raised over $37,000 and included the chance to win one of 10 exciting prizes provided by our generous supporters. Funds raised by these events directly support the care of Assiniboine Park and help ensure it continues to thrive for generations to come. Thank you to all who participated!

Major Gifts

Generous major gifts continued to make a significant impact in 2025, supporting both ongoing operations and future growth across the organization.

Marking National Tree Day, a generous investment supported an initiative to plant and establish 200 new trees annually over the next three years. This gift also ensures the long-term care and maintenance needed to help these trees thrive well into the future.

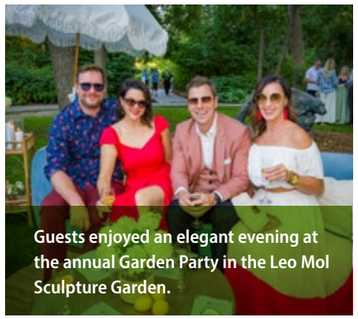
Further support was provided for greenhouse enhancements, including the addition of grow lights, a germination chamber, and improved environmental control and automation systems.

In addition, a generous gift is growing the capacity of APC's Conservation and Research team, supporting laboratory work at the Leatherdale International Polar Bear Conservation Centre within the Zoo and field work in Churchill, Manitoba.

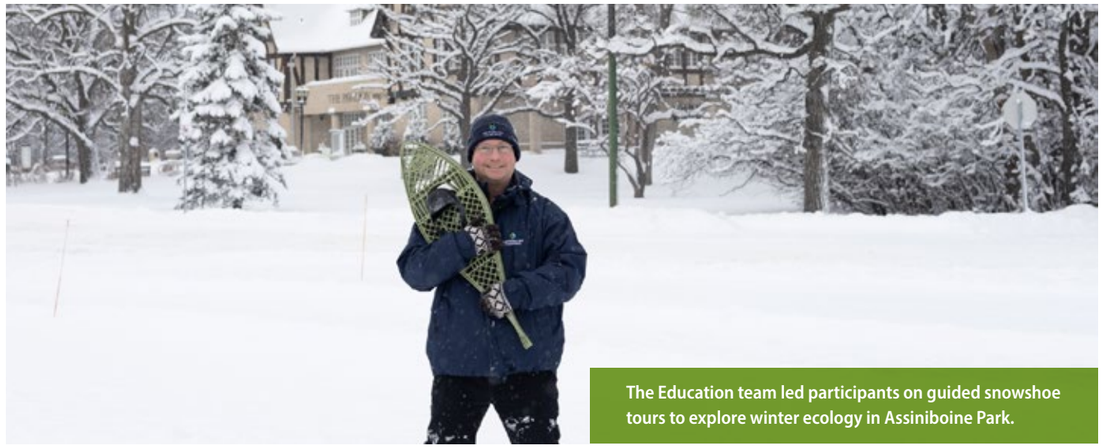
Animal Health Centre

As part of the Zoo's 2025 accreditation inspection requirements, APC needed to demonstrate meaningful fundraising progress toward the development of a new Animal Health Centre, and provide assurance that the facility would be advanced sufficiently to support future accreditation cycles.

With the generous support and commitment of the City of Winnipeg and a major private foundation, APC was able to demonstrate significant progress and meet the accreditation requirements.



Guests enjoyed an elegant evening at the annual Garden Party in the Leo Mol Sculpture Garden.



The Education team led participants on guided snowshoe tours to explore winter ecology in Assiniboine Park.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

In 2025, the Education and Programming team expanded its reach through new programs, strengthened school partnerships, and engaging learning experiences for visitors of all ages. These offerings inspire curiosity and connection while encouraging exploration of nature, conservation, and culture. Here are a few highlights.

New and Seasonal Programming

New winter offerings included guided snowshoe tours in January and February, giving participants the opportunity to explore winter ecology in Assiniboine Park. School programs such as S'no Problem! at The Leaf and Zoo focused on winter adaptations, climate stewardship, and outdoor activity.

Zoo Tots also returned in January, led by facilitator Kim Crockett, providing early learners with nature-based experiences that support development and curiosity.

School Partnerships and Programs

The Goodman Residency Program launched in September, welcoming seven early years educators into the 2025–2026 cohort and introducing immersive, curriculum-connected learning experiences. Designed to provide transformational environmental education, the program engages both teachers and students through inquiry-based learning and hands-on exploration of the Park, The Leaf, and Zoo. Through these experiences, participants are encouraged to build lasting connections to nature and develop a lifelong commitment to sustainability leadership.

The Dorothy Strelsin Polar Bear Education Program also continued, with five middle years educators participating alongside their students in a multi-visit learning experience focused on Arctic species and conservation. The program offers a deeper, ongoing connection to polar bears that extends beyond a single-day field trip.

Together, these programs engaged approximately 270 students in meaningful, hands-on learning experiences.

Workshops and Public Programs

A variety of workshops were offered throughout the year, including beading workshops with Métis artist Shannon Tara Kalić, a bonsai workshop with the Winnipeg Bonsai Society, and a tree pruning workshop led by APC's arborist.

These diverse experiences reflect APC's commitment to offering dynamic programming that celebrates culture, nature, and community all year long.

Community and Professional Development

The team hosted 85 educators from across Manitoba for professional development workshops focused on outdoor learning, biodiversity, and conservation education.

APC also welcomed 31 staff from the Alzheimer Society of Manitoba to The Leaf for a therapeutic horticulture session, highlighting the benefits of nature-based programming in supporting well-being and inclusion.

Indigenous Youth Storytelling Program

This year's program focused on connections to water and the matriarchy, with all sessions facilitated by women. Participants took part in workshops led by Kisa MacIsaac, Sarah McIvor Prouty, Raven Hart, and Ivana Yellowback.

A two-panel mural by Nova Courchene commemorates the program, incorporating meaningful elements such as a buffalo representing respect, a teal wave symbolizing water, a woman reflecting the matriarchy, and constellations representing connection and identity.



Conservation efforts worked to prevent species extinction and protect biodiversity within the Park.



CONSERVATION AND RESEARCH

Understanding the Changing Arctic

The 2025 beluga whale field season in Churchill was a record-breaking success. Working with Polar Bears International aboard the newly launched research vessel The Sea Canary, the Conservation and Research team collected extensive video and photographic data of belugas in the Churchill River estuary.

This data contributes to Beluga Bits, a community science project hosted on Zooniverse that allows volunteers from around the world to assist with whale identification and behavioural research. During the 2025 season alone, researchers collected nearly 500 360-degree videos, over 40,000 photographs, and days of underwater footage, deepening our understanding of beluga behaviour and ecology. More than 36,000 volunteers are now registered with the program.

Work to better understand the Western Hudson Bay ecosystem also continued, with a record 10 harbour seals equipped with satellite transmitters to help researchers study seal movements and habitat use along Manitoba's Arctic coastline.

Preventing Species Extinction

In September 2024, the Zoo celebrated approval of a Prairie Butterfly Saving Animals From Extinction (SAFE) program through the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). This binational partnership brings together AZA-accredited institutions, government agencies, and regional partners to support the recovery of three endangered grassland butterfly species: Poweshiek skipperling, Dakota skipper, and Mitchell's satyr.

In March, the Conservation and Research team hosted the annual meeting of the Poweshiek Skipperling International Partnership, providing an opportunity for in-person collaboration among Canadian and U.S. partners to share knowledge, strategies, and next steps for species recovery.

The 2025 field season marked another exceptionally strong year for the program. In addition to releasing 175 Poweshiek skipperling into the Manitoba Tall Grass Prairie Preserve, the team collected a record-breaking number of eggs for over-wintering, and successfully trialled new environmental DNA (eDNA) detection techniques with hopes of supplementing our in-field surveys to support long-term monitoring and recovery efforts.

In recognition of this work, the Assiniboine Park Zoo, Minnesota Zoo, and John Ball Zoo were awarded Top Honors in the 2025 AZA North American Conservation Award, highlighting more than a decade of collaborative efforts and successes in preventing the extinction of this critically endangered species.

The team also continued its efforts to understand the distribution of the Manitoba mudpuppy by continuing our eDNA sampling efforts in Manitoba's vast waterways. Understanding the distribution of these elusive creatures will help us to better understand and protect the aquatic environments we all share.

Protecting Urban Biodiversity

APC continued efforts to protect wildlife within the Park by implementing new mitigation to prevent bird window collisions, a global conservation issue that kills approximately one billion birds in North America each year. New window treatments featuring artwork by Winnipeg artist Kal Barteski were installed at the Leatherdale International Polar Bear Conservation Centre in the Zoo, helping prevent bird strikes while reducing solar heat gain.

Park biodiversity monitoring continued, with APC volunteers contributing over 5,600 observations to iNaturalist and documenting more than 300 wildlife species throughout the Park.



APC staff and volunteers smile aboard the float at the Pride Parade.

STAFF AND VOLUNTEER RESOURCES

Leadership

APC welcomed two new members to the leadership group in 2025. In August, Jana Thorsteinson joined APC as the new Senior Vice President, Engagement & Guest Experience. In November, Laura Cabak was promoted to Senior Director of Marketing & Communications.

Learning and Development

In 2025, APC delivered mandatory core learning programs for employees in support of AZA Accreditation and in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Staff participated in Pathways to Reconciliation, a program created with and by Indigenous people that encourages participants to move beyond passive observation and toward active engagement in reconciliation.

Employee Engagement

APC employees once again played an important role in planning meaningful activities for both staff and visitors in celebration of Pride and in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day). These initiatives reflect the organization's continued commitment to inclusion, learning, and community connection.

Volunteer Resources

2025 marked the 15th anniversary of APC's volunteer program. From 45 pioneer volunteers in 2011 to more than 1,100 volunteers in 2025, the program has grown significantly in both size and scope. Volunteers, ranging in age from 14 to 88, contributed more than 88,000 hours of service over the past year, supporting every business unit across the Park in both guest-facing and behind-the-scenes roles.

When the Wildlife Haven Drop-off Centre opened in May 2025 to receive injured and orphaned wildlife, a fully trained volunteer team was there to welcome its first patients. By year-end, volunteers had received more than 300 animals and contributed 3,500 hours in support of the Zoo's Veterinary Team. In recognition of their outstanding efforts, this group was honoured with the Together We Achieve More award at the annual volunteer appreciation banquet.

As APC prepared for AZA Accreditation, volunteers worked alongside staff to help ensure the Zoo was ready to shine. Accreditation inspectors specifically noted the friendliness, knowledge, and pride demonstrated by volunteers throughout the Zoo and beyond.

Volunteers also continued to play an essential role at APC's major events, helping welcome guests to Boo at the Zoo, Zoo Lights, Locked Zoo, Brew at the Zoo, Wildest Dreams, and many more. APC also welcomed nearly 200 teens in 2025 through Camp Crew and Zoo Teen Engagement Ambassador roles. Their enthusiasm and positive energy helped create memorable experiences for campers and guests throughout the summer.

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Report of the Independent Auditor on the Summary Financial Statements

To the Board Members of
Assiniboine Park Conservancy Inc.

Opinion

The summary financial statements, which comprise the summary balance sheet as at December 31, 2025, and the summary statement of operations and changes in unrestricted net assets for the year then ended, are derived from the audited financial statements of Assiniboine Park Conservancy Inc. (the "Organization") for the year ended December 31, 2025.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements are a fair summary of the audited financial statements.

Summary Financial Statements

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. Reading the summary financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the Organization's audited financial statements and the auditor's report thereon.

The summary financial statements and the audited financial statements do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on the audited financial statements.

The Audited Financial Statements and Our Report Thereon

In our report dated April 29, 2026, we expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of the summary financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are a fair summary of the audited financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standard (CAS) 810, *Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements*.

Deloitte LLP

Chartered Professional Accountants
Winnipeg, Manitoba
May 22, 2026

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Summary Balance Sheet as at December 31

			2025		2024
ASSETS	Cash and short term investments	$	$15,669,741	$	$18,486,857
Current	Accounts receivable		3,623,994		1,529,756
	Government remittances receivable		16,433		15,036
	Inventory		-		644,171
	Prepaid expenses		1,535,778		893,042
			20,845,946		21,568,862
Long term	Accounts receivable		337,667		567,500
	Capital assets (Note 1)		212,230,306		213,540,930
	Art collections		14,323,697		14,323,697
	Employee benefits receivable		157,788		166,932
		$	**247,895,404**	**$**	**250,167,921**
LIABILITIES	Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	$	7,388,411	$	$8,590,236
Current	Deferred contributions - operating		5,775,697		5,691,862
	Deferred revenue		8,200,881		2,775,926
	Notes payable		-		8,346,000
	Insurance advance		-		565,030
			21,364,989		25,969,054
Long term	Deferred revenue		4,800,167		567,500
	Deferred contributions - capital		200,798,479		202,406,543
	Accrued employee benefits		112,194		111,406
			227,075,829		229,054,503
NET ASSETS	Restricted		14,323,697		14,323,697
	Internally Restricted (Note 2)		6,495,386		6,890,386
	Unrestricted		492		(100,665)
			20,819,575		21,113,418
		$	**247,895,404**	**$**	**250,167,921**

Note 1 The Province of Manitoba has a $30 million investment in the Leatherdale International Polar Bear Conservation Centre and Polar Bear Facilities, which include the Gateway to the Arctic Building, the Animal Holding and Filtration System Building and the Polar Plunge. As a result, the Province's initial $30 million investment in these capital assets do not appear on the Conservancy's balance sheet. In 2025, an additional $1 million was received from the Province related to betterments of these buildings.

Note 2 The Conservancy has internally restricted funds for a fiscal stabilization reserve to support the long-term sustainability of the organization.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Assiniboine Park Conservancy Inc.

Summary Statement of Operations and Changes in Unrestricted Net Assets for the year ended December 31

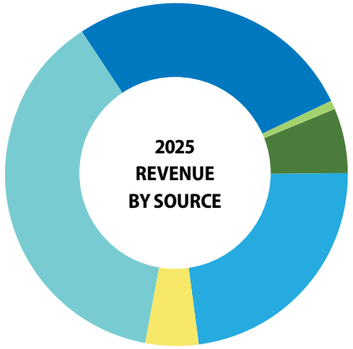
		2025	2024
REVENUE	City of Winnipeg	$ $13,756,000	$ $13,123,323
	Other operating grants	371,288	441,208
	Gifts and sponsorships	2,848,180	2,458,992
	Amortization of deferred contributions	11,583,510	10,920,297
	Interest and other income	2,569,254	1,195,947
	Park revenues	19,567,715	27,017,670
Total Revenue		50,695,947	55,157,437
	Direct costs of park revenues	9,628,544	15,700,610
		$ 41,067,403	**$ 39,456,827**
EXPENSE	Administration	2,835,998	3,367,263
	Amortization	11,334,717	10,462,319
	Insurance	2,356,748	1,232,433
	Interest	85,624	435,774
	Operations	4,855,386	4,472,940
	Utilities	2,119,716	2,018,173
	Wages, benefits and contract services	17,769,997	17,467,506
	Donation to Winnipeg Foundation - ParkShare	3,060	2,100
Total Expense		41,361,246	39,458,508
Deficiency of Revenue over Expense		(293,843)	(1,681)
Transfer from (to) internally restricted net assets		395,000	(118,119)
Increase (Decrease) in Unrestricted Net Assets		101,157	(119,800)
Unrestricted Net Assets, Beginning of Year		(100,665)	19,135
Unrestricted Net Assets, End of Year		**$ 492**	**$ (100,665)**

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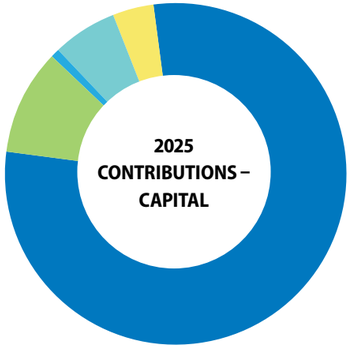
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Deferred Contributions - Capital for the year ended December 31

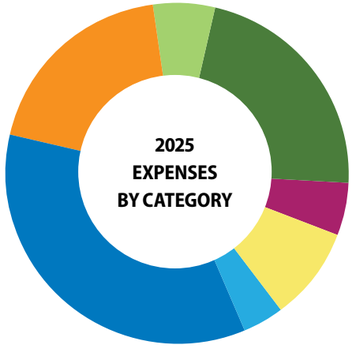
		2025	2024
Contributions received			
	City of Winnipeg	$ 7,900,000	$ 5,900,000
	Province of Manitoba	1,020,590	-
	Foundations and Charities	100,000	531,500
	Individuals	583,803	700,294
	Corporations	371,053	676,417
Total Contributions		9,975,446	7,808,211
	Amortization of deferred contributions	(11,583,510)	(10,920,297)
Deferred Contributions - Capital, Beginning of Year		202,406,543	205,518,629
Deferred Contributions - Capital, End of Year		**$ 200,798,479**	**$ 202,406,543**



- Park revenues 38%
- City of Winnipeg 27%
- Amortization of deferred contributions 23%
- Gifts and sponsorships 6%
- Interest and other income 5%
- Other operating grants 1%



- City of Winnipeg 79%
- Province of Manitoba 10%
- Individuals 6%
- Corporations 4%
- Foundations and Charities 1%



- Wages, benefits and contract services 35%
- Amortization 22%
- Direct costs of park revenues 19%
- Operations 9%
- Administration 6%
- Insurance 5%
- Utilities 4%
- Interest 0%
- Donation to Winnipeg Foundation - ParkShare 0%

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Individual and Corporate Giving

(2025)

$100,000–$249,999

Douglas & Louise Leatherdale
Michael Nesbitt
Bob Williams

$50,000–$99,999

Estate of Merete Boll Barrager
The Cardinal Foundation
Estate of Marilynn Ekelund
Suzanne Lee Wylie & John T. Wylie

$5,000–$24,999

Irv Applebaum
Donald Bayne
Sandra Bignell
Marilyn Anderson Corkum
Onofrio Curatolo
Surinder Dhaliwal
Ross Eagleton
Kathy Ellis & James Speirs
Susan Fenwick in memory of Marsden Fenwick
Kathy Forzley
Michael Froese
Frontiers North Adventures
Sharon Gaber
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Catherine Jones
Fay-Lynn Katz
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Marguerite Sours Foundation
Lesley McGuirk
Mechthild Kroeker Gifting Fund
Morley and Rita Cohen Foundation
Lesley & Ken Powell
Michael Prendergast
Angeline Ramkissoon
Shirley Anne Richardson Annual Giving Trust Fund
Dean Schofield
The Honourable Richard J Scott & Mary Scott
Joanne Sonnenberg
Tachane Foundation Inc.
Leslie Thompson
William Young & Joanna Nicol-Young
Anonymous (3)

$1,000–$4,999

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Roberta Beach
Kara Bjornson
Alan Burrows
Chris & Jackie Caswill
Melissa Caswill
The Cipryk Family
CN
Mark & Dorothy Danzker Perpetual Trust Fund
Jacquelyn Dawson
Alice Donachey
Drs. Rizwan and Jacqueline Manji and Family
Judy & Gary Edwards
The Embil Family
Keven Eyre
Gift Funds Canada
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Ralph Guy & Kris Owen
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Blair Henderson
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Sandra Louise Marles Medical Corporation
Small Family Fund
Paul & Christine Soubry
Stephen & Olive Spitzer
Allan Stewart
In Memory of Dr. Robert Thorlakson
Chris & Marie Wadelius
Dorothy Y. Young
Anonymous (11)

Park Champions

(2025)

Brian Akins
Peggy Alto & Michael Guttormson
David & Ruth Asper
Gail Asper, O.C., O.M., LL.D. and Michael Paterson
Heidi & Rennie Balciunas
Versha & Shantanu Banerji
Jan & Marcel Belanger
Carol Bellringer & Greg Doyle
Jamie Brown & Rachel Donner
Timothy Burt
Florence Carey & Ben Rusch
Rheo Catt
The Cipryk Family
Nancy Clyde
Alan & Kristin Dalkie
Erin Danylchuk
Jonathan Dueck
Gloria Dutchuk
Lawrence & Brenda Ellerby
The Embil Family
Ashleigh Everett and Stuart Murray
George and Carol Gamby
Jean Giguere, C.M. & Dennis Giguere
Barbara Hamilton
Debbie & Rich Hannah
Nicole & Adam Hanson
Gregg & Mary Hanson
Doug Harvey & Jan Shute
Brian & Ruth Hastings
Dan & Katie Hursh
Zorianna & Eugene Hyworon
Diane & Dave Johnston
Jane & Matt Johnston
Will Johnston & Kristin Vielhaber
Alexandra Jones
Ray Karasevich & Allison Fulford
Bruce Keats & Daryl Bisset
Susanne & Peter Krahn
Rudy & Carol Loewen
Jennifer Lumb & Jeffrey Begin
Peter & Maureen Macdonald
Trevor L. Maguire
Anne & Paul Mahon
Elizabeth Marr, Nick, David and Allison Slonosky
Jennifer Mauro Family
Iris Maurstad
Lynne-Anne McFeetors
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Benji & Tannis Miles
Ash Modha & Chalnessa Eames and Family
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Kristin & Sam Parrish
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Calvin & Jennifer Polet
Doug Pollard & Kristie Pearson
Ken & Lesley Powell
Gerry & Barb Price
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Margaret Redmond & Greg Gillis
Hartley & Heather Richardson
Jim & Leney Richardson
Sandra & Harvey Secter
Sandra Spragg
Bram Strain
Don & Jennifer Streuber
James & Janice Tennant
Brian & Jennifer Thiessen
Jana Thorsteinson & Jamie Tuokko
Jack & Margo Toole
Donna & Bill Wilford & Family
Anonymous (6)

Sponsorships (2025)

A & J Mechanical
Access Credit Union
Balcaen & Sons Ltd.
Boston Pizza
Calm Air*
Canadian Beverage Container Recycling Association
Coca-Cola Canada Bottling Limited
Corpell's Water
Doane Grant Thornton LLP
Domo Gasoline Corporation Ltd.
Duboff Edwards Schachter LLP
Frito-Lay
Johnston Group
The Keg Steakhouse + Bar
The Kinsmen Club of Winnipeg
Levy Canada
Manitoba Blue Cross
Manitoba Hydro
Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries Corporation
Maple Leaf Construction Ltd.
McFadden Benefits & Pension Ltd.
Mondetta
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Prairie Mobile Communications*
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Red River Cooperative Ltd.
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Steinbach Credit Union
Terracon Development Ltd.
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Wave Show Technologies Inc.*

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Garden Party Supporters (2024)

$25,000+

Levy Canada

$10,000+

Arlene & Allan
The Asper Foundation
Birchwood BMW & Land Rover Winnipeg
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Bill & Theresa Parrish
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Shelter Canadian Properties, Susan Glass & Arni Thorsteinson

$5,500+

Globe Capital Management, Richard Morantz & Sheree Walder Morantz
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MacDon Industries Ltd.
National Bank Financial, Suzanne Alton & Samantha Schau
Peterbilt Manitoba Ltd.
Quintex Services Ltd.
Thompson Dorfman Sweatman

$3,500+

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Maple Leaf Construction Ltd.
Scatliff + Miller + Murray Inc.
SMS Engineering
TD Bank Group
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Grants & Contributions (2025)

The Association of Zoos and Aquariums
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
The Bertrand A. Goodman, May Easton Goodman and Dorothy Jean Goodman Foundation
Government of Canada
Government of Manitoba
Nature Manitoba

ParkShare Endowment Donors

(cumulative to Dec. 31, 2025)

$400,000

Shirley Richardson and her family

$25,000-$49,999

J.K. May Investments Ltd.

$5,000-$24,999

Jim & Margaret Astwood
Rheo Catt
Robert & Gail Cipryk
In loving memory of Sally Riley Dowler from her children and their families
Brent & Debbie Gilbert
Mark & Anne Gray & Family
Marjorie & Kenneth Grower
Debbie & Rich Hannah
Jim & Roberta MacDonald
Peter & Maureen Macdonald
Lynne-Anne McFeetors
The Powell Family
David, Joanne Provinciano and Family
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$1,000-$4,999

Wayne & Millie Acheson
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Rheo Catt
Deanna Cheadle
James Cohen and Linda McGarva-Cohen
Carolyne Ferrand
Clair & Iris Maurstad
Sandra Spragg
Clay and Gail Wach
Donna & Bill Wilford
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