

A Year of Change

By Chris Saunders, Chairperson

Over the past year I have had several opportunities to reflect on our community and all that we should be thankful for: family, friends, neighbors. I am particularly thankful to Pinawa's volunteers. We have all been touched by the efforts of so many that give their time and experience to make our community thrive.

A major change occurred at the Foundation in December; our long-term board member and treasurer Carol Findlay retired. Carol has been an important part of our Foundation for the past 16 years and she is missed. The board wants to thank her for all that she has done for the Foundation and our community.



Carol and Chris at a Provincial Conference for Community Foundations

Over the past year, we have also added two new board members; Rob Murray and Liane Weigelt-Tirschman. Both are busy with various board committees and responsibilities. Welcome to the Foundation.

The Foundation is proud to announce that we have awarded our 2026 Thomas Sill Grants. The Arena Board has been given \$15,000 for some very needed arena repairs. The Eastern

Manitoba Concert Association has also been given \$10,000 to improve the lighting system at the community centre. Congratulations!

The Foundation reached a major milestone in June 2026. With our Community Projects Month grants awarded on June 8th, the Foundation has now granted over \$1.6 Million to groups in Pinawa. Most of these grants come from our endowment funds which total over \$2.35 Million, allowing us to continue to support the community for years to come.

2025 Pinawa Scholarships



The Pinawa Foundation Citizenship Scholarship (\$1,750) was awarded to Raquel Long. Raquel is enrolled in Northern College to study to become a Veterinary Technician



The Gladys Guthrie Memorial Scholarship (\$2,000) was awarded to Annika Suski. Annika is studying the field of Diagnostic Medical Sonography and Ultrasound

Community Project Month

The Foundation would like to thank everyone that donated to our annual Community Project Month in May 2026. This year, we raised over \$126,600 for 16 projects, including the 50% top up provided by the Foundation, including:

Children's Place Day-Care - "New dishwasher/Flooring". **Raised: \$9,950**

Survivor's Hope - "Reaching Out Project". **Raised: \$14,358**

Pinawa Cancer Care - "New Stretcher". **Raised: \$13,025**

F. W. Gilbert PAC - "Gymnastic Mats". **Raised \$4,338**

Pinawa Lions Club - "Pinawa Birthday Weekend Expenses". **Raised: \$8,277**

Pinawa Public Library - "Office Upgrades". **Raised: \$4,184**

WSXC Ski Club - "Snowmobile for Trail Grooming". **Raised: \$7,752**

Courts of Pinawa Club - "Install AED". **Raised: \$1,995**

Pinawa Minor Baseball - "New Equipment". **Raised: \$1,612**

Two Rivers Seniors - "Services for Seniors programs". **Raised: \$11,233**

Pinawa Minor Hockey - "Portable Boards". **Raised: \$6,379**

Pinawa Health Auxiliary - "Replacement Bed/Mattress Project Year 3". **Raised: \$20,782**

Pinawa Holiday Cheer Committee - "Holiday Decorations". **Raised: \$1,335**

Orville Acres Arena - "Brine Line Straightening". **Raised: \$12,622**

Pinawa Swimming Pool - "Free Swim Program for Pinawa Residents". **Raised: \$4,013**

Pinawa Art 211 - "Wellness Workshops". **Raised: \$4,763**

2025 Financial Summary

Income Statement

	2025	2024
Revenue		
Donations Received	\$ 230,804.07	\$ 247,001.64
Total Interest/Investment Income Received or Earned	\$ 256,938.27	\$ 229,060.74
Grants	\$ 26,823.32	\$ 19,211.25
Accounts Receivable - Grants from Wpg Foundation	\$ 10,500.00	
Other Revenue	\$ 14,865.43	\$ 14,080.05
Total Revenue	\$ 539,931.09	\$ 509,353.68
Expenses		
Insurance Policy (\$100K prem/\$40k)	\$ -	\$ -
Advertising and Promotion	\$ 1,063.97	\$ 1,843.99
Education/Training for Staff and Volunteers	\$ -	\$ 300.00
Licences, Memberships and Dues	\$ 1,120.00	\$ 990.00
Professional and Consulting Fees	\$ 29,688.90	\$ 25,285.25
Office Supplies and Expenses	\$ 336.00	\$ 606.52
Research Grants (Scholarships)	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,500.00
Miscellaneous Expenditures	\$ 40.00	\$ -
Expensives	\$ 35,998.87	\$ 32,525.76
Grants Made to Non-qualified Donees	\$ 725.00	\$ 11,110.70
Disbursements Made to Qualified Donees	\$ 173,821.72	\$ 173,368.24
	Grants \$ 83,254.28	\$ 55,641.62
	Directed Donations \$ 90,567.44	\$ 117,726.62
Total Expenditures	\$ 210,545.59	\$ 217,004.70
Net Income	\$ 329,385.50	\$ 292,348.98

Balance Sheet

	2025	2024
Assets		
Cash	\$ 92,690.18	\$ 74,824.47
Long Term Investments	\$ 2,212,944.82	\$ 1,908,139.30
Accounts Receivable	\$ 4,000.00	
Common Shares - Access Credit Union	\$ 11.96	\$ 11.96
Deferred Asset*	\$ 45,154.41	\$ 42,440.14
Total Assets	\$ 2,354,801.37	\$ 2,025,415.87
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ -
Owner's Equity		
Retained Earnings	\$ 2,025,415.87	\$ 1,733,066.89
Net Income	\$ 329,385.50	\$ 292,348.98
Total Liabilities & Qwner's Equity	\$ 2,354,801.37	\$ 2,025,415.87

* \$100k Insurance Policy redemption value



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Chris Saunders – Chairperson
 Kate Kaminski – Treasurer
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 Cindy Litke – Social Media
 Lisa Krupka - YIP
 Kristen Ticknor - Newsletters
 John Tait – Member at Large
 Rob Murray - Member at Large
 Liane Weigelt-Tirschman – Member at Large

Biographies are on our web page

2025 Fast Facts

- > **\$1.6 Million** granted since 2011.
- > **\$174,500** granted to Pinawa groups in 2025.
- > Our Giving Challenge raised **\$108,400** for our endowment funds.
- > **\$230,000** donated to Foundation.
- > **\$2.35 Million** in our endowed funds.
- YIP Group** has donated over \$27,000 over 9 years.

2026 YIP Grants

Pinawa Daycare – Learning Activity Trays -\$550
 Survivors Hope – Marketing Materials - \$200
 Pinawa Library – Dementia Activity Kits- \$350
 Orville Acres Arena – Skate Sharpener - \$500
 Pinawa Hospital - Wheelchair Cushions - \$1,000
 FW Gilbert - PAC- Floor Curling Stones - \$400