

Canadian CED Network 2005 Annual Report



The Canadian **CED** Network

Le Réseau canadien de **DÉC**

Strengthening Canada's Communities
Des communautés plus fortes au Canada

The Story of the Geese



When Geese fly in formation, they create their own unique form of teamwork. As each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in their "V", the whole flock adds at least 71% more flying range than if each bird flew on its own.

When a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone, and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird in front.

When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back in the V, and another goose flies point.

Geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

When a goose gets sick, or is wounded and falls out of formation, two other geese fall out with their companion and follow it down to lend help and protection. They stay with the fallen goose until it is able to fly, or until it dies, and only then do they launch out on their own, or with another formation to catch up with their group.

Message from the President

As we reflect on our past year, we should take pride on our many accomplishments that we have achieved over this past year as a national Network. The political environment with a focus on the Social Economy provided an exciting opportunity to actively engage our membership, profile community economic development and the incredible work and potential of our members and the Network as well as to advance our policy agenda. Participation on the National Roundtable on the Social Economy, regional forums and regional planning processes provided an excellent opportunity to promote strategic investments, a long-term perspective, actively engaging multiple stakeholders and working collaboratively across and between levels of government, to build a solid foundation for community economic development (CED) and the Social Economy to flourish across Canada. We continue our committed work; working collaboratively to ensure that the policy and the initiatives which unfold responds to the needs of our communities and the organizations that are working diligently to create economic and social opportunities for individuals and communities across Canada.

This past year has also witnessed the development of many exciting partnerships to promote the development and advancement of CED across the various regions of our great country. We are grateful to our partners for their collaboration and ongoing support in assisting us to strengthen the work of the Network across Canada. Working together, we have incredible potential to enhance the profile of CED while ensuring that the needs of our diverse communities and member organizations are addressed.

This past year has also witnessed many struggles that some of our members are facing in ensuring the ongoing sustainability of their organizations as a result of changing funding and policy directives. As a Network we have worked diligently to listen to the concerns of our members, actively engage our members in discussions and participate in regional and national forums to profile the impact of these

directives and to develop solutions that will ensure the sustainability of our membership to meet the current and future needs of their communities.

In reflecting upon this past year, it is important to acknowledge the incredible hard work and commitment of our Executive Director, Rupert Downing, staff, Board, Committees, members, partner organizations and funding partners. Their incredible commitment to providing social and economic development in communities across Canada has been a significant factor in both enhancing the profile of CED and the Network across Canada as well as in advancing our work.

As we look towards the year ahead, as a national membership-based organization, we remain committed to recognizing the value and contributions of our diverse membership. We continue to explore ways in which we can support, respond, and profile the needs of our membership across Canada. We remain committed to building the capacity of both practitioners and CED organizations, advancing CED knowledge and research, advancing the policy agenda as well as strengthening our internal operations as a Network

On behalf of the Board and the staff, I would like to thank you for your commitment to the Network and to enhancing the social and economic conditions of our communities across Canada. I look forward to working collaboratively with you as we address the many challenges and opportunities which lay before us.

Warmest regards,
Cathy Harrington
President



Message from the Executive Director

In 2005 CCEDNet members reviewed progress with our first three-year strategic plan and set the priorities for the next three years. From 2002 to 2005 we made significant progress with meeting our objectives as a national association, growing our membership, strengthening the learning events and opportunities for participation for members from coast to coast to coast, making some significant gains in public policy. We also succeeded in strengthening the operational hub of the organization by which we can support the network's activities.

Now through consultation with members we have set priorities for the next three years that focus on: Developing and strengthening the sector; growing, engaging and supporting our membership; and promoting a CED public policy agenda. The new Strategic Plan can be found on our website at www.ccednet-rcdec.ca. Committees of our members are now taking the leadership for crafting that agenda in each of their areas of activity: Membership, Practitioner Development, Policy, Research, Emerging Leaders. Regional Networks are also working to define their components of our common efforts. Our Board and its Governance

Committee has started the process of creating the most effective governance structures and procedures for a pan Canadian, democratic, and member-led association of community organizations and practitioners. At the staff level we are working to establish long term funding agreements that provide resources to help realize the priorities our members have set. Growth in our membership and activities has been significant in the last three years and we hope that the next three years will see the Network consolidating the resources, systems and outputs needed to support the efforts of our members. Most importantly we look forward to your active participation in creating this important agenda over the next three years.

I would like to thank all of our staff and volunteers for their work in building the Network and ensuring that we have the resources, energy and vision to move forward with our common goal of strengthening Canada's communities.

Rupert Downing
Executive Director

Policy Council

CCEDNet members, through our National Policy Council, have made some major achievements this year in our efforts to advance and impact a national policy agenda for CED and the social economy. The Policy Council has also initiated a process to engage members in a renewal and updating of the policy framework for CCEDNet that will be completed in 2006.

Policy Framework Renewal

The original CCEDNet Policy framework was created as a result of a thorough process of regional consultations in 2000 and a national conference

in 2001. The documents have served CCEDNet very well over the past four years, but the Policy Council has realized the need to review and renew our guiding principles and framework. The Policy Council will be seeking member input over the next year, including a pre-conference workshop and follow-up consultation as the policy framework document is prepared.

I want to thank all of the members of the Policy Council for their time and energy; it really has been a team effort. We want to offer special thanks to Brendan Reimer for his diligent and exceptional work in supporting us.

Human Capital

CCEDNet members identified major gaps and issues with the policies and programs of Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC) and its new delivery arm Service Canada, which impacts employment development opportunities of unemployed and disadvantaged Canadians. In Ontario and BC, in particular, new contracting arrangements and increased centralization of program criteria has created major disruption in community based services. CCEDNet represented member concerns on a non partisan basis to federal Ministers and the House of Commons Standing Committee on Human Resources. Evidence was collected and presented on the need for a new relationship with community organizations that are working to deliver effective local supports to unemployed Canadians, and a new policy framework for meeting the needs of many who are ineligible for Employment Insurance programs.

With the added weight of articles in Making Waves and mobilization by members to present evidence for the need for change in their own regions, we were able to secure agreement with the Minister of Human Resources and Skills Development Canada that a new partnership is needed. While negotiations are still under way between a working group of sector representatives and senior federal officials, we believe that major steps will soon be taken to reduce the administrative burden on community agencies, reform the call for proposals process, and create a permanent advisory committee on policy and program issues.



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CCEDNet's role was a critical component in addressing these underlying policy issues that were interfering with and limiting our members' ability to serve their community's employment and training needs.

Financial Capital

The Policy Council has engaged in a range of related issues arising out of the federal social economy initiative and our place at the National Roundtable on the Social Economy. One key area is advocating and fostering the opening up of access to Federally funded SME supportive programs for social enterprises. In addition to serving on the National Roundtable Sub-committee on SME issues, CCEDNet contributed to pre-budget consultations of the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finances.

Partnerships

CCEDNet has entered into a formal Memorandum of Understanding with le Chantier de l'économie sociale in Quebec to strengthen our policy initiatives. The partnership outlines the strategic relationship that will leverage the work of both entities to serve our memberships.

One example of our working together is the CCEDNet and le Chantier de l'économie sociale partnership to develop a paper on the public policy agenda for strengthening the social economy in Canada for the long term. The paper is posted on our website and will help inform policy discussions in government and leading into our next national conference.

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee has served many roles within the National organization and that role continues to change. By raising issues of importance to members we have spun off new committees, such as the Governance committee and Inclusion task force. The Membership Committee plays an active role in national conference planning, serving on the committees, as well as leading activities at the conference to encourage networking and member engagement and outreach.

Recently we have been working closely with the policy committee to “take the temperature”. We set out to learn from members what is getting in the way of their community achieving the goals that they have set, the results were fascinating and will contribute to policy development.

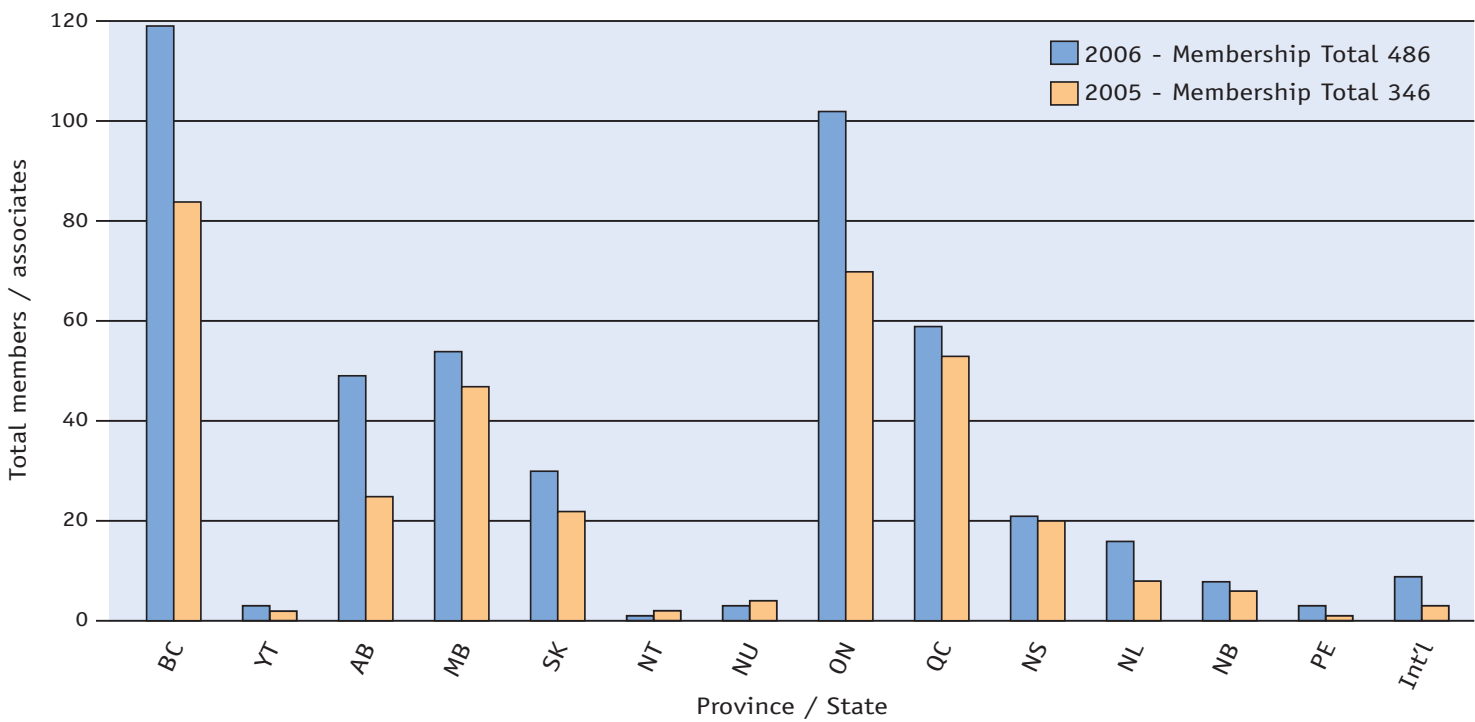
The Network has grown substantially over the past five years, from the 16 founding members to almost 500 organizations and people committed to strengthening social, economic and environmental

conditions in their communities. We now have members in every province and territories who have the opportunity to join voices, learn from one another and make an impact. We live in exciting, ever changing times and CCEDNet has accomplished so much, but we have a lot still to do. We have an unprecedented opportunity to work closely with each other on local initiatives, sharing learnings from community to community. The membership committee is committed to supporting these goals in the year to come - and we invite you to join us.

Special thanks to Ellie Parks who has helped to guide the committee, keep us on track, and integrate our work with other activities in the rapidly growing organization. Special thanks also to our committee members in 2005, Larry Casper, Marie Prebushewski, Natasha Jackson, Ross Mayer, Veronica Vinge, Scott Ricker.

Peter Frampton (Chair)
Caroline LaChance (Co-Chair)

Membership Comparison January 2005 - January 2006



Practitioner Development Highlights

The mission of the Practitioner Development Committee is to nurture, support and build CED practitioners in Canada and the assets they need to be effective. The Committee seeks to enhance the capacity and skills of the CED community by providing resources, best practices tools, learning events and professional development opportunities.

The committee has identified five assets or supports that practitioners working in any CED organization require to be effective: skills and knowledge; tools and resources; career information, economic benefits and networking opportunities.

As a means to start addressing these five assets areas, the Practitioner Development Committee has developed two new "101 series" workshops that were tested at both the National and Alberta CED 2005 conferences. "The Art of Advocacy" and "Evaluating Your CED Organization" are now included along with "CED 101" in our new flyer promoting the opportunity for delivery of these sessions by committee members at various learning events.

During the fall, the practitioner development committee began collaborating with the national office to secure funding for the Jobs Initiative Project - a project designed to identify core competencies of CED practitioners and CED associations alike. By December, the final submission focused on Workplace Skills for the

Social Economy using a participatory research approach including internships, peer learning and demonstration projects. The objectives are:

- to create the first pan-Canadian baseline assessment of workplace skills gaps and workplace skills development models and resources amongst CED organizations, social enterprises and social purpose small and medium enterprises (SMEs);
- to strengthen critical workplace skills in social entrepreneurship and CED relevant to key typologies of workplace and community settings to address the needs and opportunities identified in the baseline assessment;
- to replicate effective skills development practices; and
- to create pan-Canadian and regional networking to promote information on and innovation in, skills development for the social economy.

A successful response from federal funders by April 2006 will drive the practitioner development committee's activities for several years to come.

Finally, input from new committee members led to further refinement of the terms of reference and discussions about expectations and opportunities to leverage the work of the group.

We welcome your involvement and encourage you to request our practitioner development committee recruitment package.



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Emerging Leaders

After a high energy workshop and the release of special Emerging Leaders' newsletter, Youth Voices, at CCEDNet's National conference in Sault Ste. Marie, the group has made several accomplishments in 2005.

The committee has been busy behind the scenes and finalized a Terms of Reference, started a Strategic Plan for 2006 - 2008 and proposed to the Board to become an official Standing Committee within CCEDNet. At the same time the committee is exploring unique ways to engage youth in CCEDNet. Specifically, Emerging Leaders has spearheaded peer learning dialogue calls that have guest speakers and are open to both members and non-members of CCEDNet, as well as supporting the development of regional nodes or networks of young CED practitioners who are members of CCEDNet.

Leadership has sprung up in BC and Manitoba. In BC, The New Theory (TNT) has been developing evening and workshop activities that engage youth for the 2006 National CCEDNet conference, while EL Manitoba (ELM) conducted research to support Manitoba's youth and on building its own organizational capacity.

TNT's is exploring new the use of new technologies, including Wiki's, SKYPE, and podcasting, to connect and mobilize young CED activists in the field and also

reaching to those who are curious about CED. TNT also took part in the recent BC CEDNet Strategic Planning meetings in Vancouver.



ELM has been conducting a One Tonne Challenge project that focuses on addressing the issue of youth perception and knowledge of Climate Change at a community level. In 2005, the committee began the process of inventorying Manitoba's programs, projects and services that focus on building youth capacity, leadership and retention. ELM played an important part in helping to manage this project and with the Rural Team's Youth Committee they are now identifying and developing research opportunities for 2006.

Coinciding with all of these activities, CCEDNet has continued to demonstrate strong support for Emerging Leaders. CCEDNet and Coast Capital Savings Credit Union have provided the opportunity to conduct 15 case studies of youth-led CED. In 2005, a long term goal identified by Emerging Leaders in 2003, was realized by CCEDNet and we look forward to the unfolding of the CED Work Experience Program. Emerging Leaders will provide mentorship and advice to participants and also assist with governing the program. The 60 placements will contribute significantly to our purpose which is to increase the number and quality of young people working in CED.

Finally, outgoing co-chairs Victoria Morris and Wayne Kelly thank the work of all committee members and especially appreciate the support of Alex Chernoff from FINALY! In Newfoundland and Christian Clement from Table jeunesse Gatineau who will officially co-chair Emerging Leaders at the 2006 National CED Conference. Emerging Leaders will continue to build the capacity of young CED practitioners in Canada and we are excited to be a part of this.

Victoria Morris
Emerging Leaders Co-Chair



Credit: Emerging Leaders Committee

Research Advisory Committee Update

The Research Advisory Committee builds over the long term CCEDNet's capacity to undertake research. The committee recommends priority CED research topics and proposals to the board, and provides research advice and support to staff.

In 2005, the committee developed guidelines to assist the Board regarding research commissioned or undertaken by CCEDNet. The research committee also helped with the framework and design of a National Social Economy Research Hub Proposal responding to a proposal call from the Social Science and Humanities Research Council for a five year national research program on the social economy (a program that CCEDNet and le Chantier de l'économie sociale proposed to the federal government).

CCEDNet and the BC Institute for Co-operative Studies were successful in a joint bid to implement the National Social Economy Research Hub. Rupert

Downing and Ian MacPherson are co-directors of the hub and the research committee has recommended research streams as well as areas of participation for CCEDNet members.

Involvement in the National Social Economy Research Hub project will be a major focus of the research advisory committee for the foreseeable future given the strategic importance of this project.



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National Conference on CED and the Social Economy “Building an Inclusive Movement”

Last May 4-7, the 2005 National Conference on CED and the Social Economy brought 490 participants from every corner of the country to Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, for dozens of workshops, plenary sessions, keynote addresses, site visits and fabulous social evenings!

Hosted by Algoma University College and organized in partnership with the Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition and the Community Economic Development Technical Assistance Program, the 2005 National Conference welcomed a wide diversity of participants and made an important contribution towards Building an Inclusive Movement.

Pre-conference activities began in the morning of May 4 with a meeting of the National Social Economy Roundtable, convened by Social Development Canada to discuss progress to date and policy orientations for the federal government's Social Economy Initiative.

Five site visits also took participants to the cultural, scenic, historical and innovative socio-economic attractions of the region.

Over the next two and a half days, participants chose from 60 sessions that presented the diversity of practice going on in Ontario and across the country, and heard from engaging speakers, including: Yvonne Chiu, Co-Executive Director, Multicultural Health Brokers Co-operative; Wanda Wuttunee, University of Manitoba; Nicole Sauvé, Executive Director, RDÉE-Ontario; Becky McFarlane, Ontario Council of Alternative Businesses; Leo Gerard, International President of the United Steelworkers of America; and Chris Ginther, Vice-President and General Counsel of Bell Canada.

Proceedings of the conference as well as the program and many of the presentations are available on CCEDNet's website.

Pan-Canadian Community Development Learning Network

The Pan-Canadian Community Development Learning Network (PCCDLN) is a two and a half year project looking at how integrated, community-based initiatives contribute to social inclusion. Running from October 2003 to March 2006, the project facilitates peer learning and develops evidence-based research to strengthen integrated models of service delivery that build assets, skills, learning, social and economic development opportunities relevant to local community conditions.

In 2004, the practitioner-led Project Advisory Committee was formed, regional staff were hired, a literature review on Social Inclusion and CED was completed, and the project contributed to the 2004 National Conference in Trois-Rivières. The first stage of the action research also began, with a survey of 78 community-based initiatives that describes their activities through a social inclusion lens.

In 2005, the results of the survey were published, case studies of initiatives across the country were researched and written, and the 2005 National Conference in Sault Ste Marie was supported through the project. Other research products, including a socio-economic indicator mapping resource, a toolbox of resources for practitioners, and a learning resource package on the project's results were prepared and are being translated and published in the final months of the project. CCEDNet's regional coordinators are also carrying out peer-learning events for practitioners and stakeholders across the country.

The project will wind up in 2006 with the final meeting of the Project Advisory Committee, which will be held as a policy dialogue with senior government officials in Ottawa, to examine the project's recommendations and look at strategies for advancing policy change within government. The final report and a final workshop will also be offered at the 2006 National Conference in Vancouver.

Community Economic Development Work Experience Program

In December 2005 CCEDNet announced a new Community Economic Development Work Experience Program. The program is funded by Service Canada through their Career Focus program. CCEDNet members can apply to be host organisations and mentors for work experience participants. The program will run

between December 2005 and March 2008. Throughout the period the CED movement will be infused by the energy of 60 work experience placements. There will be 4 different intakes of work experience participants, each intake will include a cohort of 15 participants, and each placement will be 6 months in length.



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Co-operative Development Initiative

The Cooperative Development Initiative is a three year project exploring how the co-operative model can facilitate the social and economic inclusion of newcomers, immigrants and refugees. Running from May 2004 to March 2007, the project is facilitating dialogue amongst co-operative development organizations, other CED groups, ethno-cultural and immigrant settlement agencies that are interested in innovative cooperative approaches to strengthening economic and social development; assisting in the development or strengthening of two demonstration projects on models of co-operative "social enterprise" within urban immigrant and refugee communities; providing support for peer learning amongst participating organizations; and evaluating each initiative and providing a final report, inclusive of policy and program recommendations on strengthening the environment for new co-operative social enterprise models that address the needs of immigrant and refugee communities in Canada.

The demonstration projects are developed through unique partnerships with local organisations. They are the Immigrant Services Society of BC who is

incubating the Malalay Afghan Women's Sewing and Crafts Co-operative and the Multicultural Health Brokers Co-operative in Edmonton.

In 2005, we assisted ISS with leveraging multiyear funding from VanCity Credit Union to support the development of Malalay Afghan Women's Sewing and Crafts Co-operative; created opportunities for immigrant co-operative leaders to attend intensive co-operative developers training hosted by the Prairie Hub; hosted a workshop at the 2005 National CED Conference Sault Ste

Marie; produced four snapshots of immigrant-led co-operative's and co-published a discussion paper Creating Opportunities-Optimizing Possibilities: Immigrant and Refugee Co-operatives in Canada; partnered with the Multicultural Health Brokers Co-operative in hosting a pilot forum, of the same name, in Edmonton on October 2 and 3, 2005 which built bridges between the co-operative, CED, immigrant settlement, government sector and local immigrant and refugee community leaders.



Regional Organizing

Prairies

Conferences provide a great opportunity to learn, network, and share ideas and visions for CED. More than 200 people from all parts of Alberta attended the Alberta CED Conference in October, while in November Manitobans battled blizzard conditions to attend the 3rd annual CD/CED Gathering held in Winnipeg.

One highlight of the Alberta conference was the official launch of the Alberta CED Network. More than 75 attended this forum that discussed the benefits of organizing as well as the various ways that a provincial network can support the work of CED organizations and initiatives throughout Alberta. The Saskatchewan CED Network also met several times during the year and is looking to undertake various activities in order to strengthen the CED work in the province. The Manitoba CED Network has also been active in co-hosting the CED Gathering, participating in the Manitoba Research Alliance on CED in the New Economy, and in supporting the development of a new resource for CED initiatives called the CED Technical Assistance Service (CEDTAS). This is essentially a match-making service that connects CED projects in need of technical assistance with professionals who are interesting in providing some pro bono contributions to community led initiatives. Right now, this service is only available in Winnipeg. But in the future, who knows...

Congratulations to the University of Saskatchewan, who led a successful bid with many CCEDNet members for a grant to conduct research on the social economy over the next five years. The research area includes Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Northern Ontario and includes many partners in each province.

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Atlantic

In 2005, CCEDNet memberships in the Atlantic region grew to fifty-one. Members represent all provinces and many interests, including; co-ops, community loan funds, development corporations, training agencies, housing groups, research institutions, and more.

In the first quarter of 2005 it was all about the social economy initiative. Atlantic members lobbied for our members to attend the social economy roundtables which were organized by Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency (ACOA). Members attended the Halifax, NS and Moncton, NB roundtables. Members met again in the aftermath of the roundtables to formulate a letter sent to the President of ACOA, Mme Collette outlining key shortcomings in the social economy initiative as was presented and offered suggestions to insure the greatest success. We have since met with ACOA and maintained an open dialogue.

The Atlantic region also participated in two of the social economy research proposals submitted to the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council. In late November, it was announced that a diverse team of academics and practitioners led by Mount Saint Vincent University (MSVU) in Halifax was awarded the 5-year grant. There are five research streams with at least one stream in each of the four Atlantic Provinces. The director is Leslie Brown from MSVU and co-directors include Penny Rowe of the Community Services Council, NL, Luc Thériault from the University of New Brunswick, and Seth Asimakos, from the Canadian CED Network. All are members of CCEDNet.

In 2005 we were also able to keep in touch with members with five electronic newsletters, and we created a regional page on the CCEDNet website. As part of the Pan-Canadian Community Development Research Project that is looking at the link between social inclusion, fifteen local innovative organizations were studied and from those fifteen three were developed into case studies. Presentations regarding the research were made at the Atlantic Summer

Distribution of CCEDNet members across Canada



Institute in PEI and at the Innovative Communities Conference in Wolfville, NS. At the very end of the year a draft work plan and proposal was submitted to ACOA for resources to increase learning and networking opportunities for members in the region. We look forward to a busy 2006 in which we are able to bring more of us together more often, to research, exchange and innovate in CED and the social economy!

BC and Yukon

It's been an exciting year! With members from each region of the province and many sectors, the membership is diverse, talented and accomplishing a lot in their communities. There has been ongoing growth with 115 members and associates as of December 2005.

In 2005, as a regional Network, we have been engaged in planning for the 2006 National Conference, organizing forums on the social economy and in a strategic planning process. The conference is hosted by local member, Building Opportunities with Business and has been guided by members through local and national conference planning committees. In partnership with the Community Futures Development Association, as part of the BC Social

Economy Roundtable we undertook a series of nine forums. These forums engaged 400 community members across BC in discussions on the social economy.

The year-long strategic planning process resulted in increased membership, an elected and expanded Council, and a three year plan to guide the activities of the regional Network. A highlight of the year was a members meeting in Vancouver, with 60 members in attendance demonstrating a strong sense of solidarity and enthusiasm. One outcome was the membership present decided to expand the geographic reach of the regional Network to include the Yukon. Overall the strategic planning process has strengthened our sector, engaged new members, assisted in outreach and alliance building with other key players and defined our upcoming work.

CED is thriving in BC - thanks to the many dedicated practitioners!

Ontario

This has been a busy year for the CED movement in Ontario! Over 500 people attended the National CED and Social Economy conference in Sault Ste Marie in May, and had an opportunity to explore some of the

magnificent sites along Lake Superior. In June of 2005, the Ontario Trillium Foundation approved one of the largest collaborative grants ever to the Ontario region of CCEDNet, in a three year collaborative project with the Community Economic Development Technical Assistance Program (CEDTAP) and the Ontario Cooperative Association (OnCoop). This grant allows CCEDNet to sustain regional coordination efforts with the Ontario membership and emerging network; it will also allow us to support communications and research on issues of concern to the CED movement in Ontario.

Also, CCEDNet-Ontario continues its involvement with the Ontario Social Economy Consortium, and has been active in calling for the release of the Social Economy funds in Ontario. Furthermore, CCEDNet, with the active support and facilitation of its board member Ethel Côté, contributed to the development of Économie solidaire de l'Ontario, a francophone network representing over 1000 CED and social economy actors and organizations in Francophone Ontario, and which is now an incorporated body!

And finally, as of November 2005, the Ontario CED Network has a Steering Committee! Its members include: Cathy Harrington (Lutherwood), Peter Frampton (Learning Enrichment Foundation), Ethel Côté (L'Art du développement), and Diana Jedig (Ontario Association of Community Futures Development Corporations); Rosalind Lockyer (PARO); Kevin Edwards, (COIN), and Ken Hoffman, (Ottawa CED Network). The Steering Committee is proposing to lead efforts to support and enhance the policy environment that impacts on the CED movement across the province.

Special thanks go to CCEDNet regional coordinator Monique Beaudoin for her tireless commitment and outstanding contribution to all the activities throughout Ontario.

Quebec

2005 saw a number of Quebec-based Canadian Community Economic Development Network activities take place, among them the signing of a

memorandum of understanding between the Boards of Directors of CCEDNet and the Chantier de l'économie sociale, recognizing the unique attributes of each organization and engaging the participants in a process to encourage the development of Canada-wide partnership-based strategies while respecting each other's fields of activity.

The federal government's social economy initiative was also a major factor in the social economy and community economic development spheres in Quebec. The partnership between the Chantier and CCEDNet yielded significant possibilities in the field throughout the country.

In Quebec, one tangible result was the creation of a Social Economy Patient Capital Fund managed by the Chantier de l'économie sociale, continued activities organized by the Alliance de recherche universités-communautés en économie sociale (ARUC-ÉS), the birth of the Réseau québécois de la recherche partenariale en économie sociale (RQRP-ÉS) as well as the emergence of various initiatives through Economic Development Canada's "Capacity Building" initiative.

Over the last year, the Quebec regional coordinator's focus has primarily centred around communication-related activities, including a newsletter keeping members informed on different programs, tools, and Canadian and international community economic development and social economy initiatives.

Over the next year, and in partnership with the Chantier de l'économie sociale, further opportunities to encourage dialogue and the exchange of ideas will be taking place.

To that end, a meeting of the Quebec membership is scheduled for February, 2006, at which members will review national CCEDNet activities and achievements, go over results obtained from the agreement with the Chantier de l'économie sociale, exchange ideas on current CED and SE issues, learn from achievements and advancements, and sketch out an action plan for CCEDNet in Quebec.

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Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors of THE CANADIAN COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NETWORK / LE RÉSEAU CANADIEN DE DÉVELOPPEMENT ÉCONOMIQUE COMMUNAUTAIRE

We have audited the statement of financial position of **The Canadian Community Economic Development Network / Le Réseau Canadien De Développement Économique Communautaire** as at December 31, 2005, the statements of operations and the statement of changes in net assets for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In common with many charitable organizations, this year the organization derived part of its income in the form of donations, which by their nature are not susceptible to complete audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Society and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to donations, revenues, excess of revenues over expenses and net assets.

In our opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the organization as at December 31, 2005 and the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles. As required by the Society Act of British Columbia, we report that, in our opinion, these principles have been applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

In cases where the French version differs in meaning from the English version, the English version takes precedence.

Victoria, British Columbia
February 07, 2006

SHERWOOD & THOMAS
Chartered Accountants

THE CANADIAN COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NETWORK/
LE RÉSEAU CANADIEN DE DÉVELOPPEMENT ÉCONOMIQUE COMMUNAUTAIRE
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2005

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
ASSETS		
Current		
Bank	\$ 77,057	\$ 12,779
Accounts receivable (Note 3)	85,357	28,157
Prepaid conference expenses	26,512	3,351
Prepaid parking and deposits	<u>3,254</u>	<u>3,229</u>
	192,180	47,516
Capital Assets (Note 4)	<u>1,773</u>	<u>3,582</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	 <u>\$ 193,953</u>	 <u>\$ 51,098</u>
LIABILITIES		
Current		
Deferred revenue (Note 6)	\$ 94,510	\$ -
Accounts payable (Note 5)	<u>48,844</u>	<u>15,119</u>
	<u>143,354</u>	<u>15,119</u>
NET ASSETS		
Net Assets	<u>50,599</u>	<u>35,979</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	 <u>\$ 193,953</u>	 <u>\$ 51,098</u>

THE CANADIAN COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NETWORK/
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STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2005

	2005	2004
REVENUE		
Project revenues	\$ 982,035	\$ 746,604
Operating grants	80,000	73,333
Generated revenue	53,220	55,863
Memberships	54,866	48,749
Wage subsidy	1,932	8,187
Other revenue	693	1,254
	<u>1,172,746</u>	<u>933,990</u>
EXPENSES		
Administration		
Office	16,849	10,764
Professional services	6,009	7,885
Communications	6,321	6,035
Translation	4,851	4,079
Amortization	3,808	3,178
Internet	2,047	1,975
Advertising	2,058	2,388
Insurance	1,901	1,896
Rent	1,585	5,607
Interest and bank charges	760	1,013
	<u>46,189</u>	<u>44,820</u>
Committees and Board		
Contracted services	3,203	24,593
Travel and meals	34,790	32,349
Communications	11,080	10,820
Subscriptions	15,538	9,792
Miscellaneous	4,558	2,671
	<u>69,169</u>	<u>80,225</u>
Staff Costs		
Wages and benefits	317,239	200,967
Contract services	-	249
Travel and meals	10,316	7,723
	<u>327,555</u>	<u>208,939</u>
Project costs (excluding staff costs)		
Travel and meals	266,473	205,754
Contractors	221,262	120,352
Regional coordination	122,234	106,901
Communication	62,432	82,365
Translation	15,482	17,498
Materials and supplies	10,567	12,081
Office, meeting rooms and equipment rental	11,761	16,948
Interest and bank charges	1,805	1,703
Advertising and design	3,197	2,172
	<u>715,213</u>	<u>565,774</u>
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER REVENUES	<u>\$ 14,620</u>	<u>\$ 34,232</u>

THE CANADIAN COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NETWORK/
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS AS AT DECEMBER 31, 2005

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Net assets, beginning of year as previously stated	\$ 35,979	\$ 1,747
Prior period adjustment (Note 8)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net assets, beginning of year restated	35,979	1,747
Excess of revenue over expenditures	<u>14,620</u>	<u>34,232</u>
 NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	 <u>\$ 50,599</u>	 <u>\$ 35,979</u>