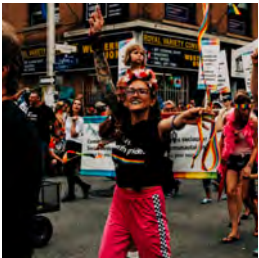


# 2017-2018 Annual Report



Each year, the Capital Pride Festival celebrates the 2SLGBTQ+ community and our allies in the National Capital Region. In 2018, a team of over 200 volunteers, board members and operations team leaders worked to host the Capital's largest pride celebrations from August 19-26, 2018 which featured 15 signature events, 75 community events and welcomed over 105,000 participants.



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**Thank you!**  
 This year's festival  
 was our largest yet!



**Dear friends,**

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Capital Pride, we are pleased to share our 2017-2018 annual report.

This year, our team set our sights on organizing the Capital's largest pride celebration. When we asked our partners and the many community organizations that have supported us in the past to join us they did in record numbers. In 2018 we celebrated the power of CommUNITY and indeed community showed up in record numbers too with over 105,000 festival attendees.

In fact, by every measure this year's festival was our largest:

- Festival weekend was expanded to two days
- The 2018 Pride Pageant had record turnout and sold out with over 600 attendees.
- Our youth events saw attendance double.
- An expanded street festival included Somerset Street between Bank Street and O'Connor Street.
- Over 150 groups marched in the parade
- Community groups organized over 65 events
- Our headline acts were our largest yet: Bif Naked, Brooke Candy, Elijah Woods x Jamie Fine, and RuPaul's Drag Race Superstars Aja, and The Vixen

The Festival would not be possible without the dedication and enthusiasm of our volunteer team. Thank you to our operations team and board of directors who work year round planning many parts of the Festival. Thank you also to more than 150 energetic festival volunteers who share their time during the festival week to ensure each of our events are a success.

Finally, a big thanks to the many supporters who contribute to funding the Festival. We continue to be fortunate to receive support from the City of Ottawa, the provincial and federal governments and many other sponsors.

We are already hard at work organizing the 2019 Festival. As always, we welcome your feedback and encourage you to get involved.

Yours in pride,

Toby Whitfield  
 2017-18 Chair

Davy Sabourin  
 2018-19 Chair

## 2018 Theme: CommUNITY

This year's Festival celebrated the power of CommUNITY. The theme was a tribute to individuals and groups that unite locally, nationally, and globally to advocate for 2SLGBTQ+ rights and press for full equality.

We celebrated groups like Ten Oaks Project, MAX Ottawa, Gay Muslims United, SAEFTY, and the AIDS Committee of Ottawa and many others that work to make our communities inclusive and safe for all. We also recognized the work of communities and

activists around the world where state-sponsored homophobia denies people the fundamental right and the basic dignity to live as they are and love who they choose.

We invited participants to unite, recognizing that progress can only be achieved by people coming together to create strong, emboldened communities.



## Grand Marshal China Doll

China Doll is an inspiring role model, spreading light, laughter, joy, and glam wherever she goes. As a stalwart of Ottawa's drag scene for years, China Doll embodies Capital Pride's values of creating opportunities to celebrate, advocate, educate and connect people.

Whether she's hosting Karaoke at Shanghai Restaurant on a Saturday night in the dead of winter or out on the town on a sweltering summer day, China Doll is an icon. A proud supporter of many local causes, community groups and events, China Doll is a very visible symbol of the 2SLGBTQ+ community in the National Capital Region.

In celebration of the joy she has brought to the 2SLGBTQ+ community and its allies, Capital Pride was pleased to honour China Doll by naming her the 2018 Grand Marshal.



## Youth Marshal SAEFTY – Support And Education For Trans Youth

SAEFTY is a support and educational group organized by and for trans, Two-Spirit, and gender diverse youth in the National Capital Region. Through regular programming and events, SAEFTY brings youth together to celebrate, connect and learn.

SAEFTY builds bridges among trans people and families of all ages and advocates for better support for the community by creating opportunities to be together in a space that is free from transphobia, homophobia, heterosexism, sexism, racism, ableism, islamophobia, colonialism, and other forms of oppression.

Despite being in its first year, SAEFTY is having a big impact on trans youth across the region and for that reason Capital Pride welcomed SAEFTY and its founders as our 2018 Youth Marshal.

## International Marshal Bruce Richman

Bruce Richman is the Executive Director of the Prevention Access Campaign and is at the forefront of the international Undetectable=Untransmittable or U=U movement. Richman has fought relentlessly to share the groundbreaking and stigma-shattering evidence that proves people living with HIV who have reduced their viral loads to an undetectable level cannot transmit HIV sexually. The positive impact the U=U campaign has had on the lives of those living with HIV cannot be overstated.

In celebration of the importance of U=U and in recognition of Richman's international leadership, Capital Pride welcomed Bruce Richman as our 2018 International Marshal.



## Flag Raisings

Flag raisings at Ottawa City Hall and Gatineau City Hall officially kicked off pride celebrations across the National Capital Region. Local businesses and community groups, museums, tourist attractions, embassies and high commissions and sports teams all joined this year's efforts by raising pride flags throughout the community.

## Family Picnic

This year's Family Picnic included a variety of family friend activities and games and free bbq in Hintonburg Park. This year's picnic was organized in partnership with the Children's Aid Society of Ottawa, Kind Space, MAX Ottawa, Mothercraft Ottawa, Ottawa Wolves RFC, SAEFTY - Support And Education For Trans Youth, Ten Oaks Project, and The Queer Mafia.

## Human Rights Vigil

This year's Human Rights Vigil celebrated the theme of COMMUNITY and included speakers from the AIDS Committee of Ottawa and SAEFTY, and Gay Muslims United, who drew attention to the challenges facing the 2SLGBTQ+ community locally, nationally and globally. The Vigil was both an opportunity to reflect on progress made over the last year and consider what work still remains.

## TD Block Party

The TD Block Party took over Aberdeen Square at Lansdowne Park. The family friendly event included a variety of activities, a drag show and live music. Over 1,000 people attended this inaugural event.

## Gatineau Pride Party

The Gatineau Pride Party was a new event for 2018 as part of our efforts to expand programming in Gatineau. The 80s and 90s themed party was organized in collaboration with Bureau régional action sida (BRAS), Jeunesse Idem, MAX Ottawa and Gaytineau.

# Signature Events & Programming



## Capital Pride Pageant

The 2018 Pride Pageant more than doubled in size this year as local drag performers competed for the titles of 2018 Mr. Capital Pride, Ms. Capital Pride and Mx. Capital Pride along with a headlining performance by RuPau's Drag Race superstar Aja.

This year's pageant crowned the following winners:

**Ms. Capital Pride:** Kimmy Dymond

**Mr. Capital Pride:** Charli Deville

**Mx. Capital Pride:** Mimi Violette



## Nature Nocturne: Bursting with Pride

The Museum of Nature celebrated pride with a burst of colour at their monthly Nature Nocturne event featuring local drag queens and live entertainment.

## The Rainbow Party

Sashay presented this year's Rainbow Party at Barrymore's featuring national artists and drag performances.

## Youth Clothing Swap

Participants were encouraged to attend a safe space to swap clothing for a brand-new wardrobe or bring paintings, photographs, sculptures or any other art project to the swap to trade with fellow artists

## Youth Art Showcase

An evening of art produced in partnership with the Ottawa Art Gallery. Local young 2SLGBTQ+ artists were invited to submit artwork and perform throughout the event.

## Youth Voices Ottawa

New for 2018 and supported by the University of Ottawa, Youth Voices created opportunities for young 2SLGBTQ+ activists and community leaders to contribute to youth-led panel discussions on several topics.



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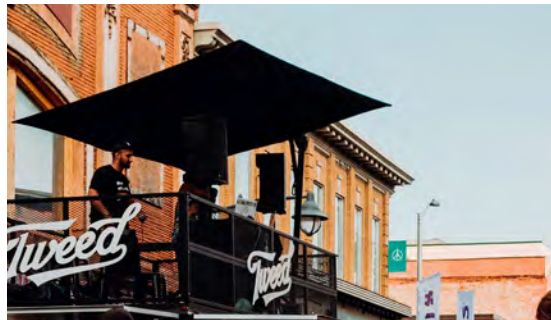
## Festival Weekend

### Street Festival

This year's Street Festival took place on Saturday and Sunday and was expanded covering Bank Street (between Somerset Street and Gladstone Street) and Somerset Street (between Bank Street and O'Connor Street). Over 65 2SLGBTQ+ groups, community organizations and partners joined the Street Festival.

### Parade

The 2018 Parade was the largest, loudest and proudest parade yet with over 150 groups showing their pride. Community groups, local businesses, community partners and dozens embassies and high commissions paraded throughout downtown Ottawa as tens of thousands of on-lookers cheered and celebrated.



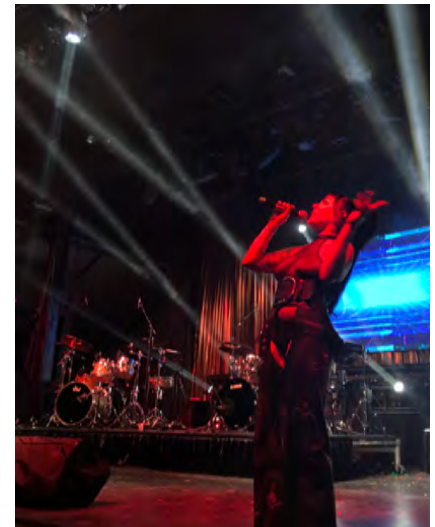


## Bank Street Stage

The Bank Street Stage located in the heart of the street festival celebrated local queer artists and performers and includes a Youth Showcase.

## TD Main Stage

The TD Main Stage was relocated to the corner of Bank Street and Somerset Street and was expanded to include two full days of programming. The line-up included a T-Dance with Ottawa and Montreal DJs, Drag Show Extravaganza with local drag kings and queens and headliner The Vixen and local, national and international artists took to the stage throughout the weekend.



# 2018 Community Events

We are pleased to acknowledge the following community groups, organizations and businesses who hosted events during the Festival:

Acts to Grind Theatre	Lesbian Outdoor Group	Queer Mafia
AIDS Committee of Ottawa	MAX Ottawa	Sashay
Bar le petit Chicago	Naked Boys Reading (Ottawa)	Snow Pride
Bruce House	National Arts Centre & Ottawa Public Library	Starbucks Bank and Cooper
Canada's Capital Kings	Ottawa Coalition to End Violence Against Women	Start Proud Ottawa
Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs	Ottawa Date Squares	Swizzles Comedy Night
Centretown Community Health Centre	Ottawa Emergency and Protectice Services	Tavern on the Falls
Dyke March Ottawa	Ottawa Front Runners	Ten Oaks Project
Feline Café	Ottawa Police Service	The Canadian Centre for Gender & Sexual Diversity
First United Church	Ottawa Public Library	The Good Companions Seniors' Centre
FLIRT Ottawa	Ottawa Public Library	The Lookout Bar
Geek Out! Ottawa	Ottawa Queer Softball League	The Odawa Two-Spirit Trans & Gender Diverse March Committee
Jeunesse Idem	Ottawa Redblacks	THROB Ottawa Underground Events
Jewish Federation of Ottawa	Ottawa Rideau Speedeaus	United Way Ottawa
Kehillat Beth Israel	Pub 101	Venus Envy
Kinki Lounge Patio	Queering613	

# Community Project Fund Recipients

This year, Capital Pride established the Community Projects Fund pilot project to enhance community events and programming during the 2018 Festival. Community groups and individuals were invited to apply for funding to support programming and events that furthered one or more of Capital Pride's objectives: education, advocacy, connection or celebration.

## **Authentic Relating Games: Pride Edition**

The event is an Authentic Relating games night held for and by the 2SLGBTQ+ community. Kind Space elevates the community by strengthening communication and relations between members in a mindful, positive, and celebratory manner. Authentic Relating Games are a collection of extensively tested, masterfully led experiences that give players a hands-on taste of both the joy and skills of interpersonal connection.

## **Canadian Centre for Gender and Sexual Diversity (CCGSD) Annual Pride Celebration**

This event unites folks from across the community to celebrate Pride in a relaxing, networking, and fun event. The event supports marginalized and minority 2SLGBTQ+ communities.

## **Celebrate Black Pride**

Celebrate Black Pride took over People Nightclub for an evening of art, acceptance and celebration. Sometimes black queer folks find themselves attending events in silence because of the homophobia that continues to exist within the community. In contrast, this event will celebrate black queer folks recognizing the intersecting identities of many members of our community.

## **Chalk Rainbow – Craie-en-ciel**

Chalk Rainbow is a bilingual community event that celebrates the Gatineau 2SLGBTQ+ community and welcomes the participation of families, friends and neighbors! Community-based groups and organizations hosted a community fair and the community was invited to a free BBQ.

## **Dark & Fruity**

Dark and Fruity celebrated black Queer and Trans folks and included art installations and live music and took place following this year's Pride Parade.

## **Spill the Tea**

Spill the Tea - an initiative of MAX Ottawa - is new health and wellness intervention for gay, bisexual, two-spirit, queer and other guys who are into guys, whether cis or trans (GBT2Q). It launched during the 2018 Pride Festival and will continue into 2019.

Spill the Tea focuses on safer partying education and awareness and getting guys into guys in the Ottawa region connected to information and resources. Spill the Tea creates conversations and decrease stigma around partying and testing for guys into guys.

## **U=U Community Forum**

The AIDS Committee of Ottawa organized the Undetectable Equals Untransmittable (U=U) Community Forum to educate the community on the U=U global campaign. Guest speakers included global campaign founder Bruce Richman and local and national community organizers Brittany Cameron, Bob Leahy, Bryan C. Jones and Randy Davis!

# The Team

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## Youth Advisory Committee

*This year a new pilot project was undertaken to create the Capital Pride Youth Committee (CPYC). The CPYC provides insight, advice and guidance to the Board of Directors, Festival Director and Operations committee to ensure Capital Pride is best serving 2SLGBTQ+ youth in the community. This includes the development and implementation of policies and bylaws, event and festival planning, and community outreach.*

*The Committee is composed of 12 local 2SLGBTQ+ youth with different intersecting identities, backgrounds and experiences who have contributed to the selection of Youth Events during the 2018 Festival.*

### Co-Chairs

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## Statement of Revenue, Expenditure and Changes in Net Assets

Revenue	2018 At Oct. 31	2017 At Nov. 30
Sponsorships	121,118	75,500
Grants	159,704	105,300
In-Kind Contributions	146,407	99,810
Events	104,305	64,485
Media & Guide	14,067	8,950
Donations & Fundraising	1,475	219
	<b>547,076</b>	<b>354,264</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Advertising and Promotion	43,034	17,251
Communications & security	29,998	22,389
Events	242,643	136,932
Insurance	4,079	4,450
In-kind expenditures	146,407	99,810
Office & Administration	15,982	2,498
Professional fees	8,500	12,435
Subcontractors	44,494	48,902
Wages and benefits	20,276	-
	<b>555,413</b>	<b>344,667</b>
<b>Excess of revenue over expenditures (Expenditures over revenue)</b>	<b>(8,337)</b>	<b>9,597</b>
Unrestricted net assets at beginning of year, as previously stated	-	11,732
Prior period adjustments	-	(5,383)
Unrestricted net assets at beginning of year, as restated	15,946	6,349
<b>Unrestricted nets assets at end of year</b>	<b>7,609</b>	<b>15,946</b>

In 2018 the financial year-end changed from November 30 to October 31.

Capital Pride's 2018 financial statements were audited by Logan Katz LLP. A full copy of the audited statements is available at [ottawacapitalpride.ca](http://ottawacapitalpride.ca).



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