

2023

Annual Report

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About Needs Of the Community Society

Needs Of the Community (NOC) Society's mission is to support members of the community by offering free programs that promote social, economic, and employment inclusivity. As the flagship program of NOC Society, Drive Forward provides support to individuals, in particular members of Indigenous communities, access to driver's training for the purpose of employment without cost.



Message from the Executive Director

In 2023, the Needs Of the Community (NOC) Society was able to experience a full uninterrupted year, and what a great twelve months it's been!

As we rolled into year 6 of operations, we planned for a year with great optimism and curiosity. I'm happy to report, that the organization and the Drive Forward program continued to make great strides and were able to record new levels of achievements.

Thanks to the support of our community partners and stakeholders, the highest numbers of individuals were able to participate in our Drive Forward program and many of them achieved their goals of obtaining a Learner's or Class 7 N driver's license. In addition, our new Vroom Vroom Driving School was able to gain momentum in its growth and donated more than 30 hours of driving lessons in 2023.

In the new year, we are excited about what is to come and we look forward to expanding our program's footprint. I want to thank our board of directors, community partners, and stakeholders for their encouragement and support.

Sincerely,



NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY (NOC)
SOCIETY

Our Programs



Drive Forward is one-of-a kind employable skills program that helps individuals obtain their driver's license for employment. Our program provides access to driver's training (L and N) by eliminating barriers such as resources and costs .



Vroom Vroom Driving School (VVDS) is a social enterprise proudly operated by the Needs Of the Community (NOC) Society. As an ICBC-certified driving school, VVDS offers a variety of driver training services for Class 7 L, N, and Class 5 driver licenses. www.vvds.ca



OUR PARTNERS

NOC Society and the Drive Forward program have been able to gain traction due to the opportunities the community partners have provided. It has been their generous partnerships that have allowed Drive Forward to be offered to as many individuals and to create a positive presence within the field of social services. In 2023, the Drive Forward program was able to work with highschool students of Tsleil-Waututh Nation high school for the first time!

Our Community Partners



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Musqueam
Indian Band



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Squamish Nation



Scw'exmx Tribal Council



**Nisga'a Ts'amiks
Vancouver Society**



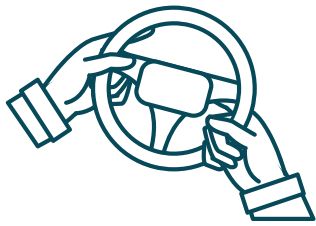
One Year Review



**319 Total Number of Drive
Forward Participants.**



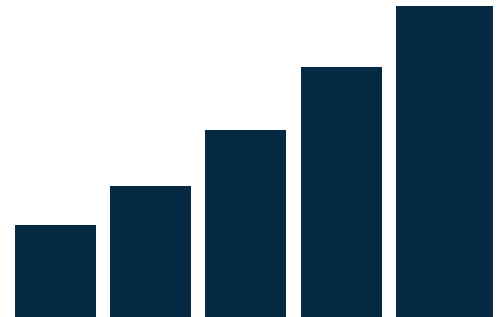
**27 *What the L!* workshops
throughout B.C.**



**87 Individuals gained access to
driver training.**



**33 Hours of donated driving
lessons.**



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