

2023 Annual Report

Sooke Community Investment Cooperative



The Sooke Community Investment Cooperative and Cafe Vosino are located on the unceded traditional territories of the T'Sou-ke and Scia'new Nations. We recognize the ongoing presence, influence and rights of these Nations within our community.

These Nations have been cooperating in this territory for thousands of years, and it is through cooperation that our community will continue to thrive. We are grateful to live, work and play here.

THE MISSION

The Sooke Community Investment Cooperative formed in 2023 to purchase the Stick in the Mud coffee house and will continue as a community funded investment cooperative.

Our ultimate goal is to support local ownership of Sooke small businesses.

SCIC strives to be a diverse, equitable and inclusive organization and workplace where all members, volunteers and employees whatever their gender, race, ethnicity, national origin, age, sexual orientation or identity, education, socio-economic status, or disability, feel valued and respected.

LETTER FROM THE BOARD



Dear Members,

It is with great pride and heartfelt gratitude that I present to you the first annual report of our Cooperative. When we embarked on this journey to purchase the Stick in the Mud, our hearts were filled with passion to make it happen and our minds with curiosity about the cooperative model. We believed in the power of community ownership and the potential it holds for creating meaningful, sustainable change.

Throughout this year, we have committed ourselves to a growth mindset and the principles of transparency, accountability, compassion, and informed choice. We have and will continue to work diligently to ensure that every member has a voice and that our decisions reflect the collective will and wisdom of our community.

Our journey is just beginning, and we are excited about the future. We remain steadfast in our dedication to fostering a cooperative spirit, building strong relationships, and creating a thriving community coffee shop that we can all be proud of. Together, we will continue to innovate, grow, and make a positive impact.

Thank you for your unwavering support, cooperation and commitment. Here's to many more successful years ahead.

Warm regards,

Wendy O'Connor
Board President

The Road to Cafe Vosino

April 15 - BAD NEWS

Word gets out that SITM will close on July 23

Three diehard customers hatch a plan to save SITM by forming a co-op

June 19 - SCIC IS BORN

The original 3 become 6 and incorporate the Sooke Community Investment Cooperative

June 29 - FIRST MEMBERS

SCIC Board begins selling memberships and taking on investors.

July 23 - DEAL SIGNED

On the last open day SITM and SCIC sign an intent to purchase agreement

July - August

Renovations, menu overhaul, staff training, new ceiling panels, painting...

September 4

The final purchase agreement is signed.

September 11

Soft opening, testing equipment and procedures

September 18 GRAND OPENING

With a live band playing Cuban music Cafe Vosino officially opens its doors

CAFE VOSINO



The revamped SITM opened its doors as Cafe Vosino on September 11, 2023.

Cafe Vosino employs 15 staff members, has supported more than a dozen community ventures, and has displayed the art of three local artists.

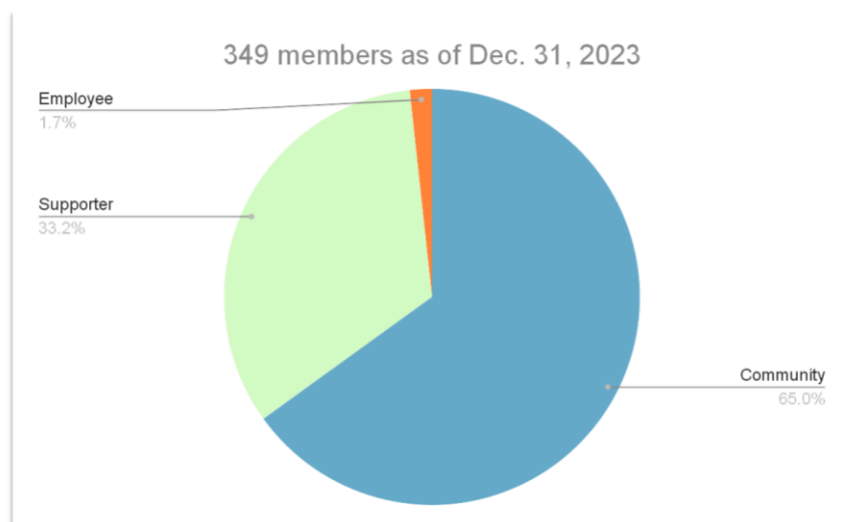
We also sold more than 19,660 beverages including 17,128 coffees along with 3147 Eggamajigs, 3030 muffins, 1381 scones, and 1851 cookies.

SCIC PEOPLE

The Sooke Community Investment Cooperative is run by a Board of Directors with a minimum of three to a maximum of ten directors.

- supporter members (members who are also Class A share investors) - may elect a minimum of three and maximum of six
- employee members - may elect up to three
- community member - may elect up to one

MEMBERSHIP



STAFF

SCIC moved quickly to bring Nathan Tenney on board as General Manager of the coffee shop. Nathan brings years of experience in the hospitality industry, most recently with Wild Mountain Restaurant in Sooke.

We are very pleased that 13 of 15 SITM staff members elected to continue on with Cafe Vosino. We are so appreciative of the enthusiasm and knowledge they have brought to the new coffee shop.

We have invested in training for all staff including ongoing service and barista training as a part of their daily routine. In addition, we had staff come in when we were closed to participate in an online course from UBC, *Autism & Neurodiversity in the Workplace*.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Cafe Vosino is proud to have supported the Sooke community with donations of gift cards, coffee or disposable cups.

- Sooke Rotary Club
- EMCS leadership team
- Sooke Elementary
- T'Sou-ke First Nation
- Sooke Harbour Players
- Amber Academy Youth Fine Arts Society
- Friends of Sooke Parks Society

We're also proud to have partnered with The Surfrider Foundation to support local beach cleanup. For every sale of one of our Vosino Beach Lattes, Café Vosino donates 5% of the profit to the Foundation. In addition, we provide a discounted rate for purchasing coffee and snacks for their cleanups.

HELPING HANDS

SCIC would like to thank every single one of you who went above and beyond to help get the cooperative off the ground. So many people gave their time and energy that we can't name every single one of you but we do need to acknowledge a few who made significant contributions.

- **Bernie Klassen** for his vision, passion, energy and time.
- **Grant Story** for his business acumen, skill (expertise), time and sunny disposition.
- **Margaret Harris** for her time and calm direction.
- **Scott Coulas** for his time and advice.
- **Matt Johnson** for designing our lovely "Where beans meet beings" graphic and Cafe Vosino logo.



- **Marleen Kiral** from Almostonaut Creative for guiding us through our privacy policy for our website.
- **Hailey Dale** for her time and expertise in helping us put together an initial start-up communication plan.
- **Gail Scott** for pointing us in the direction of **Cooperatives First**, without which this whole venture would never have happened.
- And last but not least to **Sue Elrington** for her passion in the value of cooperatives and trying to keep us on the straight and narrow. Her innumerable hours of tracking down valuable information, researching and building our website and being our SCIC administrator and event coordinator are valued.

SUSTAINABILITY

The Co-op takes environmental concerns seriously and ensures that Café Vosino operates in the most sustainable way possible. To that end Café Vosino has moved to a full compostable program for takeout and disposable items. This includes all of our coffee cups & lids, iced beverage cups & lids, takeout bags and containers, as well as straws and ramekins. We have also reduced our waste stream by segmenting our waste into Garbage, Hard Plastic & Glass, Soft Plastic, Green Waste, Garbage, and Garden Waste. All items except Garden Waste are picked up by Sooke Disposal, and we compost Garden Waste ourselves in the garden compost systems of staff and customers.

THE WORLD IS WATCHING

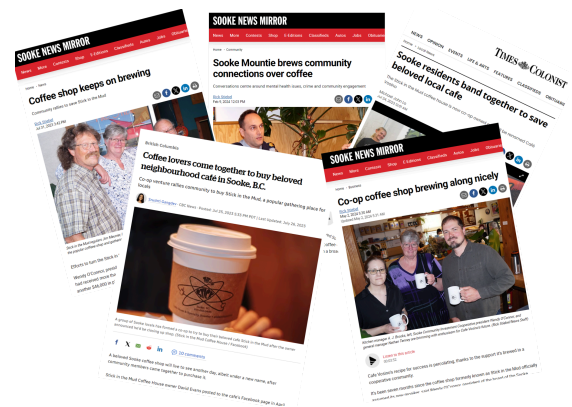
Forming SCIC and buying Café Vosino made news throughout the South Island Region, and many other cooperative associations and economic development organizations are watching our growth with much interest.

Media Coverage

- Sooke Mirror
- CBC
- Times Colonist

Presentations

- Rising Economy Conference (South Island Prosperity Partnership)
- Investment Co-op Webinar (Co-operatives First)



SOOKE COMMUNITY INVESTMENT CO-OPERATIVE

Financial Statements

**For the Period From June 19, 2023
(Date of Incorporation)
To December 31, 2023**

COMPILATION ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To Management of Sooke Community Investment Co-operative

On the basis of information provided by management, we have compiled the balance sheet of Sooke Community Investment Co-operative as at December 31, 2023, the statements of members' equity and loss for the period then ended, and Note 1, which describes the basis of accounting applied in the preparation of the compiled financial information and other explanatory information ("financial information").

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial information, including the accuracy and completeness of the underlying information used to compile it and the selection of the basis of accounting.

We performed this engagement in accordance with Canadian Standard on Related Services ("CSRS") 4200, Compilation Engagements, which requires us to comply with relevant ethical requirements. Our responsibility is to assist management in the preparation of the financial information.

We did not perform an audit engagement or a review engagement, nor were we required to perform procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion, or provide any form of assurance on the financial information.

Readers are cautioned that the statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.

BAKER TILLY VICTORIA LTD.
Chartered Professional Accountants

Victoria, B.C.
May 23, 2024

Sooke Community Investment Co-operative

Balance Sheet

As at December 31, 2023

| | | |
|--|--|----------|
| | | \$ |
| Assets | | |
| Current Assets - | | |
| Cash | | 94,997 |
| Inventory | | 8,029 |
| | | 103,026 |
| Property, Plant and Equipment (note 2) | | 86,558 |
| Goodwill | | 15,000 |
| | | 204,584 |
| Liabilities | | |
| Current Liabilities - | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | | 47,085 |
| | | 47,085 |
| Due To 1143525 B.C. Ltd. | | 80,476 |
| | | 127,561 |
| Members' Equity | | |
| Share Capital | | 107,068 |
| Deficit | | (30,045) |
| | | 77,023 |
| | | 204,584 |

SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD:

Director

Sooke Community Investment Co-operative

Statement of Members' Equity

For the Period from June 19, 2023 to December 31, 2023

| | |
|--|----------|
| | \$ |
| Share Capital | |
| Investor shares issued | 107,068 |
| Balance - End of Period | 107,068 |
| Deficit | |
| Net Loss for the period | (30,045) |
| Balance - End of Period | (30,045) |
| Members' Equity - End of Period | 77,023 |

Sooke Community Investment Co-operative

Statement of Loss

For the Period from June 19, 2023 to December 31, 2023

| | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| | \$ |
| Sales | 181,895 |
| Cost of Goods Sold | 52,759 |
| Gross Profit | 129,136 |
| Expenses | |
| Administrative expenses | 36,822 |
| Advertising and promotion | 4,925 |
| Amortization | 8,221 |
| Repairs and maintenance | 3,953 |
| Salaries and wages | 91,532 |
| Subcontractors | 5,150 |
| Supplies | 21,823 |
| | 172,426 |
| Operating Loss | (43,290) |
| Other Income - | |
| Memberships | 9,751 |
| Other | 1,703 |
| Donations | 1,534 |
| Interest | 257 |
| | 13,245 |
| Net Loss for the Period | (30,045) |

Sooke Community Investment Co-operative

Statement of Cash Flows

For the Period from June 19, 2023 to December 31, 2023

| | |
|---|-----------|
| | \$ |
| Cash Provided from (Used for): | |
| Operating Activities | |
| Net income for the year | (30,045) |
| Item not affecting cash: | |
| Amortization | 8,221 |
| Changes in non-cash working capital: | |
| Inventory | (8,029) |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | 47,085 |
| | 17,232 |
| Investing Activity | |
| Purchase of property, plant and equipment | (94,779) |
| Purchase of goodwill | (15,000) |
| | (109,779) |
| Financing Activities | |
| Proceeds from 1143525 B.C. Ltd. | 85,000 |
| Repayment to 1143525 B.C. Ltd. | (4,524) |
| Cash from new members and share payments | 107,068 |
| | 187,544 |
| Net Increase in Cash | 94,997 |
| Cash - End of Period | 94,997 |

Sooke Community Investment Co-operative

Notes to Financial Statements

For the Period from June 19, 2023 to December 31, 2023

1 Basis of Accounting and Accounting Policies

The basis of accounting applied in the preparation of the balance sheet of Sooke Community Investment Co-operative as at December 31, 2023 and the income statement for the period then ended is on the historical cost basis and reflects cash transactions with the addition of:

- inventory valued using the first in, first out method
- property, plant and equipment amortized over their estimated useful life
- accounts payable and accrued liabilities
- government remittances payable
- amounts due to 1143525 B.C. Ltd.

Property, Plant and Equipment, and Amortization

Property, plant and equipment are carried at cost less accumulated amortization. Amortization is charged against income using the straight-line method in amounts sufficient to amortize the cost of property, plant and equipment over their estimated useful lives at the following annual rates:

| | |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Furniture and fixtures | 60 months |
| Equipment | 60 months |

Leasehold improvements are carried at cost less accumulated amortization. Amortization is charged against income using the straight-line method over the remaining term of the lease.

2 Property, Plant and Equipment

| | Cost \$ | Accumulated amortization \$ | Net \$ |
|------------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Furniture and fixtures | 77,850 | 5,190 | 72,660 |
| Equipment | 2,666 | 178 | 2,488 |
| Leasehold improvements | 14,263 | 2,853 | 11,410 |
| | 94,779 | 8,221 | 86,558 |

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A copy of the annual report will be available at Cafe Vosino and online

