

STATEMENT FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

April 26, 2017 (Toronto) —

With great sadness, and after more than 29 years of building, growing, and supporting peer initiatives in Ontario, the Self-Help Resource Centre (SHRC) will be moving towards closing its doors in May, 2017.

SHRC has a rich history of resilience and triumph of the human spirit; however after the loss of major organizational funding eight years ago and a continuous struggle to cover core operating costs, we found ourselves with no choice but to recommend a formal dissolution.

The organization has gone through many challenges over the past years. Ultimately, we feel it is best to recommend a formal dissolution in order to ensure that we have the resources to responsibly transition our staff and maintain the enduring legacy of the organization in a meaningful and respectful manner.

The President and Executive Director presented our current financial position and a recommendation to dissolve the organization to the membership at a Special General Meeting that took place on April 24, 2017. The membership voted in favour of the dissolution and passed a special resolution, which can be found [here](#).

A number of SHRC programs will be handed over to partner organizations, along with resources and publications developed over our 29-year history. More information will be provided as those transitions occur. Official documents capturing the history of the organization will be donated to the Archives of Ontario. And a final celebration will be hosted with an open invitation to all past and present members, clients, partners, volunteers, and employees.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff and volunteers of SHRC, we would like to thank every person and organization who contributed to the rich legacy of the organization, and thank every person for seeing strength in all people, coming together, and growing change. SHRC's legacy will live on through you.



Chrystal Dean
Executive Director



Michelle Westin
President

Wind Down Target Dates

- May 5, 2017 - End of programs & services at SHRC; handover of programs to partners
- May - June, 2017 - Distribution of assets & discharging of liabilities
- July 31, 2017 - Target date for voluntary dissolution of SHRC as a not-for-profit charitable corporation