RASC Kingston Centre Annual Report 2026

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Introduction

The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada is a Nation-wide, non-profit, charitable organization devoted to the advancement of Astronomy and related sciences. The Society dates back to 1868 when 8 amateur astronomers founded an astronomical club in Toronto. An expanding group obtained a charter in 1890, and the name The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada was adopted in 1903 with the permission of King Edward VII.

The RASC Kingston Centre was established in 1961 and currently has 60 (2026 Oct) members. We meet monthly for two hours at Queen's University in Kingston Ontario September-June. There are presentations from excellent speakers and members are encouraged to share their latest interest. These meetings are free to the public and guests are always welcome.

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Reference Information
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Annual General Meeting Agenda 2026

Per the RASC Kingston Centre Bylaws, notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Elections will be held on November 11, 2026, at 7:00 PM.

Location:
This will be an in-person meeting held at Queen's University, Ellis Hall, Room 226, Kingston, Ontario.

Please note that you must be a member in good standing of the RASC Kingston Centre to vote and hold office.

Attached are reports for your review prior to the meeting. If you have any questions, please bring them to the AGM.

Meeting Agenda

1. **Welcome and opening remarks on voting procedures**
2. **Approval of Agenda**
3. **Approval of AGM minutes of November 12, 2025**
4. **Approval of Treasurer's Annual Report (Bruce Murray)**
5. **Approval of Auditor's Report (Michael Bird)**
6. **Approval of Secretary's Report (Elena Zanetti)**
7. **Presentation of Reports of the Board and Committees**
8. **Centre Elections**

Current Board Positions & Status:
- President: Malcolm Park (Term: 2025–27)
- Vice President: Laurie Graham (Term: 2025–27)
- Treasurer: Bruce Murray (Term: 2025–27)
- Secretary: Elena Zanetti (Term: 2024–26) – Willing to stand for re-election
- Newsletter Editor: Roger Hill (Term: 2024–26) – Willing to stand for re-election
- Director and Equipment Loan Officer: Kevin Kell (Term: 2024–26) – Willing to stand for re-election
- National Council Representative: John Hurley (Term: 2024–26) – Willing to stand for re-election

9. **Election of Auditor**
10. **Other business and questions**
11. **Adjournment**

Best regards,
Malcolm Park
Kingston RASC

President Report 2026 – Malcolm Park

President's Report, 2025-2026

I would like to begin by thanking the Board of Directors, our officers and coordinators, and every member who volunteered this year. The Centre only works because people step forward, and this year they did.
At last November's AGM we welcomed two new Directors. Laurie Graham took on the Vice President role and Bruce Murray became Treasurer, succeeding Susan Gagnon after her many years in the job. Elena Zanetti continues as Secretary, John Hurley as National Council Representative, Roger Hill as Regulus Editor, Kevin Kell as Equipment Coordinator and Kim Hay as Librarian and Membership Coordinator. Mike Hanes is Social Convenor and our Fall'N'Stars coordinator, and Mark Kaye hosts the Wednesday Zoom socials.

Meetings. We met by Zoom in January and February and in person at Queen's the rest of the year, moving to Macintosh-Corry Hall in May and June while Ellis Hall was renovated. Speakers included Stephen Mallia of Ontario Telescopes, Dr. Gerald Schieven on ALMA, our own Laurie Graham on the James Webb Space Telescope, Dr. Danielle Simkus of NASA Goddard on the building blocks of life, Mike Hanes on the observatories of Arizona, and Andrea Girones on first principles of astrophotography. September was members' night. Rick Wagner's What's Up in the Sky remains a fixture, the Portsmouth Tavern dinners before each meeting are as popular as ever, and Astrophotography 101 continued with sessions on NINA and Siril.

Website. On February 20 we moved kingston.rasc.ca to a new host and a WordPress platform, led by Kevin Kell. The new site is easier to maintain and much better for posting news.

Equipment. The Attilla Danko 25-inch Obsession, donated by his estate in 2025, was deployed to the Lennox and Addington Dark Sky Viewing Area and saw first light on June 13. The County built the Attilla Danko Deep Space Port to house it, and the telescope was officially launched at the October laser-guided tour. The loan program grew with a Seestar S30 Pro and tablet, a Coronado PST, and donations from the estate of long-time member Hein van Asperen and from Don Fields. The Fitzgerald Dobsonian mirror was recoated and is returning to Queen's for open houses.

Outreach. Laurie Graham, Susan and Elena kept us at the Queen's Observatory Open Houses. Bruce Elliott led the Science Rendezvous team on May 9 and our judging at the FLASF science fair, where Jyotis Jugroot won the Leo Enright Prize for a second year. Liam Desre, a strong contender for our prize, went on to win Best Project at the Canada-Wide Science Fair. Rick Wagner showed the Sun to 62 people at Elgin Days.

Social. We had the Mandarin holiday dinner in December, summer picnics at Lake Ontario Park, and a BBQ on Amherst Island hosted by Elena and Michael. Fall'N'Stars returned to Johnson's RV Park in September, and our Honourary President David Levy gave the keynote at Starfest.

Awards. I was honoured to receive the RASC Service Award, presented by Roger Hill in May. Thank you to the Centre for the nomination.

Looking ahead. The National Board has approved our bid to host the 2027 General Assembly, June 4 to 7 at the Ambassador Event Centre. Registration opens in January and there is room for every volunteer. We are also looking for a Light Pollution Abatement Officer. If you would like to take this on, please speak to me.

Malcolm Park

President, RASC Kingston Centre

Vice President Report 2026–
Laurie Graham

No Report Received

Secretary Report

2026 Annual Report of the Secretary of
The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada – Kingston Centre
Elena Zanetti

In our 65th year, with a membership of 60, the RASC Kingston Centre experienced an active and enjoyable year. We stayed busy with nine public meetings held in Ellis Hall and MacIntosh Corry Hall at Queen's University, (and virtually in January and February). Various members helped with outreach throughout the year, using our Centre scopes and their own equipment. Our sense of community remained strong with almost weekly virtual socials, pre-meeting member dinners, and summer get-togethers. Executive meetings, 13 in all, were held virtually. Our monthly newsletter, Regulus, continues to be an excellent resource and masterfully edited by Roger Hill with contributions made by our members. Regular contributors from our Centre include Susan Gagnon, Kevin Kell, Rick Wagner, David Levy, Malcolm Park and Roger Hill, among others. John and Peggy Hurley are regular contributors of astronomy news with the publication Frontenac News. Many hours were spent by skilled members reworking our website and working on a new policy manual. Our own centre President, Malcolm Park, was this year's recipient of the RASC Service Award.

Elgin Days in Rideau Lakes offered solar viewing by one of our members. We continue to assist at the Queen's University Observatory Open House once a month. Members facilitated solar viewing at the Museum of Lennox and Addington. Queen's University hosted Science Rendezvous where our volunteers hosted a booth at another successful event. We continue to participate in judging at the Frontenac Lennox & Addington Science Fair. This year, the Kingston Centre's RASC Leo Enright Award for Astronomy was awarded to grade 7 student Jyotis Jugroot from Kingstown School for his project, 'Titan – Life Frozen in Time'. Our members enjoyed travelling to and participating in Starfest hosted by the NYAA and Fall'N'Stars, co organized with the Belleville Centre.

Another year of excellent and informative speakers at our public meetings were thoroughly enjoyed. Dr. Gerald Schieven, 'Observing the Cold Universe with ALMA'; Felix Thiel, 'Observing Black Holes from the Stratosphere'; Dr. Laurie Graham, 'Pretty Pictures from the James Webb Space Telescope: The Telescope and the Science Behind the Images'; Dr. Danielle Simkus, 'The Building Blocks of Life Beyond Earth'; Mike Hanes, 'Astronomy in Arizona'; Andrea Girones, 'First Principles of Astrophotography'; James Barron, 'The Lives of Magnetic Massive Stars'; and Mike Flegel, 'The Search for Astronomy…on the last page of the Observer's Handbook'.

It was quite a year of acquisitions for our Equipment Loan Program, expertly coordinated by Kevin Kell. This year, we purchased a second smart telescope, a ZWO Seestar S30Pro. Other new equipment includes a Coronado PST Personal Solar Telescope, donated by Malcolm Park, a Questar 3.5” catadioptric apochromatic telescope and a 20cm Dobsonian telescope, both a donation from the estate of Hein van Asperen, a Celestron Sky Prodigy 6SCT Model 11076, a donation from Don Fields, and a Celestron Nexstar 6SE, a donation from Bob Thomas. All for member use and public outreach.

In June, the County of Lennox & Addington and the RASC - Kingston Centre announced the deployment of the Attilla Danko 25" Obsession Dobsonian telescope to the L&A Dark Sky Viewing Area. The telescope was donated to the RASC Kingston Centre in 2025 by the Estate of the late Attilla Danko. Attilla is best known for his award-winning Clear Sky Charts. He was also a devoted outreach astronomer who spent countless hours bringing large telescopes to star parties — most notably this 25" Obsession. The Lennox & Addington Dark Sky Viewing Area is Ontario's most southerly dark-sky site, located 37 kilometres north of Napanee near Erinsville. It features a large concrete pad for telescopes and cameras, free admission year-round, and dark skies. The site draws thousands of amateur and professional, astronomers each year.

Under the theme, ‘Come Together’, planning is well underway for the 2027 RASC General Assembly. The Kingston Centre will proudly host the Society's first in person GA in eight years from Friday, June 4 to Monday, June 7, 2027, at the Ambassador Event Centre. Hope to see you there!

Elena Zanetti
RASC – Kingston Centre Secretary

Treasurer Report 2026-
Bruce Murray

Treasurer Financial Report
Presented to: Executive Board, Auditor, and Membership
Date: October 1, 2026
Fiscal Year: October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026

Financial Summary (as of 2026-09-30)
Income $3,999.92
Expenses $6,479.35
Net Income (Loss) -$2,479.43
Total assets $34,814.21

Funds Status and Account Breakdown
Cash $6.00
Chequing RBC $1,717.80
Savings RBC $8,000.00
GIC RBC $25,090.41

Membership
The Centre had 60 members at the end of the fiscal year.

Income Overview
Membership Fees: $1,088.74 (transferred from National at a rate of $22.31 per member).
Donations: $1,688.90 (from members and supporters; second major income source).
Interest Income: $625.21 (GICs) + $62.07 (Savings Account).
Calendar Sales & Other: $535.00.

Expense Overview
The net deficit of $2,479.43 for this fiscal year reflects key investments in equipment, member services, and forward event planning:

Equipment Maintenance: $1,494.52 (includes recoating of two mirrors and the Danko telescope appraisal).
Meeting Expenses: $1,042.76 (room rentals, Zoom subscription, and speaker honoraria/expenses).
Venue Deposit for 2027 General Assembly: $1,000.00 (non-refundable deposit paid to secure the Ambassador Event Centre for June 4–7, 2027).

Equipment Loan Program: $922.14 (purchase of a ZWO Seestar S30 Pro, now available for member loan).

Outreach & Awards: $500.78 (direct outreach events, science fairs, and community awards).

General Administrative & Operating Expenses: $1,519.15.

Banking Details & Internal Controls

Primary Banking: Royal Bank of Canada (Gardiner's Road branch).

Payment Processing: Incoming funds are accepted via Interac e-Transfer and cheques. All outgoing payments require cheques with two authorized signatures maintained as a key security control.

Signatories: Four executive board members hold signing authority.

Investments & Savings: A Savings Account was opened in late March 2026 to maximize interest on operational funds. Two additional redeemable $5,000 GICs were acquired during the fiscal year.

Treasurer Notes / Auditor Documentation
Treasurer: Bruce Murray (2025–2026)

The 2025–2026 Treasurer Binder contains complete documentation for review:

1. Auditor’s Report: Prepared by Michael Bird (acting Auditor).
2. General Ledger: Complete record of all transactions.
3. Payments & Deposits: All issued cheques (#412–#442) and bank deposit slips.
4. National Direct Deposit Reports: Breakdown of monies received from RASC National.
5. Bank & Investment Statements: Monthly RBC e-statements (Chequing & Savings) and GIC documentation.
6. Tax Receipts: All issued tax receipts.
7. Government Filings: Copies of tax and compliance filings submitted to the CRA and Province of Ontario for the previous year.
8. Financial Statements: Profit & Loss Statement and Balance Sheet.

Thank you for the privilege of serving the Centre as your Treasurer.
Sincerely,
Bruce Murray
Treasurer
Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, Kingston Centre

RASC Kingston Centre

Balance Sheet

30-Sep-2026

	FY2025/2026
Assets	
Cash	$6.00
Chequing RBC	$1,717.80
Saving RBC	$8,000.00
GIC	$25,090.41
Total Assets	**$34,814.21**
Liabilities	
Total Liabilities	**$0.00**
Totals	**$34,814.21**

RASC Kingston Centre

Profit & Loss

FY2025/2026

Revenue	
Membership	$1,088.74
Donations	$1,688.90
GIC Interest	$625.21
Savings Interest	$62.07
Calendar Sales	$475.00
Sales Misc	$25.00
Fall'n'Stars	$35.00
	$3,999.92
Expense	
National fees	$55.95
Calendar purchase	$388.66
Memorial expense	$0.00
Fall'n'Stars	$183.07
Secretary exp	$11.21
Treasurer exp	$0.00
Library exp	$0.00
Bank Fees	$54.60
D and O insurance	$476.28
Regulus	$0.00
Equipment Maint	$1,494.52
Meeting room rent	$514.15
Speaker exp	$268.82
Awards	$157.35
Outreach	$214.58
Science Fair	$128.85
Website/Green G.	$349.38
Zoom	$259.79
GA 2027	$1,000.00
Capital e observe	$922.14
Capital e admin	$0.00
	$6,479.35
Net Income (Loss)	**-$2,479.43**

Auditor Report 2026 - Michael Bird

Board of Directors
President: Malcolm Park
Vice President: Laurie Graham
Treasurer: Bruce Murray
Secretary: Elena Zanetti
Director: Kevin Kell
Editor: Roger Hill

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2025-2026

I have reviewed the financial statements for the Kingston Center RASC for 2025 – 2026.

As of October 01st, 2026, the club is reporting assets of $34,814.21, a net loss of $2479.43 for the fiscal year (October 01st to September 30th) and net year over year change of - $2776.27. A detailed breakdown is available from the club executive. The treasurer noted that the loss is due a number of reasons including; lower revenue from a declining membership, reduced donations, reduced revenue from Fall n' Stars and several one-time equipment expenditures (mirror recoating and telescope appraisal).

I am willing to continue in the role as auditor for the 2026 – 2027 year.

Our treasurer Bruce has done a very good job tracking and organizing the club finances.

Michael Bird
Auditor
RASC Kingston Center

National Representative 2026- John Hurley

This year the National Council held 5 meetings over Zoom. They meet on a Sunday afternoon at 1400 ET and usually last about 2 hours.

The National Council is an advisory board to the National Board of Directors. The Board reports to the NC and requests feedback from members and sometimes requests that we report matters to our membership. This year most of our meetings dealt with the financial reports of the National Society, we are on track for a balanced budget but the Society does need to come up with other revenue streams to go forward.

The membership fees are not going as far as they did in the past. We have also been a sounding board for Centres to get ideas for outreach programs and other issues that pop up.

I have been appointed to the position of National Council Council Recorder, and play a role in setting the agenda and recording the minutes of the meetings.

It is my honor to represent the Kingston Centre at the National level and I am looking forward to serving in this role next year and help see the Kingston Centre through our GA 2027.

Clear Skies,
John Hurley
National Council Representative, Kingston Centre

Librarian Report 2026-
Kim Hay

Librarian's Report (November 2, 2026)
2025-2026

The books are housed in the RASC Kingston Centre storage shed which is at the home of the Librarian and Director/Equipment Coordinator.

The book listing is on the website. You must be a member in good standing to borrow books from the Library. These are loaned out for a month at a time, with pickup and drop off at the meetings, or other arrangements made.

The Library will have copy of Astronomer Helen Sawyer Hogg: One Woman's Journey with the Stars by Maria J. Cahill for the start of the 2026-2027 year. The waiting list for borrowing has already started.

The Library itself has not really had alot of use in the last year, however a project for 2027 is to have atlases or maps of each of the RASC Observing Certificates, so they could be loaned out to achieve these certificates.

Certificates:
Explore the Universe
Explore the Moon
Messier Catalogue
Finest NGC Objects
Isabel Williamson Lunar

Observing Programs
Deep Sky Gems
Deep- Sky Challenge
Double Stars

Editor Report 2026 - Roger Hill

No Report received

Reports from Officers and Committees: Equipment

RASC Kingston Centre Equipment Coordinator Annual Report 2026 - Kevin Kell

The RASC Kingston Center maintains a collection of Equipment and Loan Equipment.

I have been the Coordinator for so many years I have forgotten what it is like not to be doing this. The Equipment Coordinator is an appointed position by the Board and was basically the way RASC-KC tries to keep track of items in our possession. The lists are available on request.

* Because of the expense/value of the telescopes marked with ***/high value*** we have adopted a policy of: only RASC-KC members who have been a member for at least two years, are known and trusted, and will take care of and return the equipment in a timely fashion are eligible.

In 2013 the Center purchased a storage shed that was assembled in our (Kim Hay & Kevin Kell) back yard. That purchase allowed the Equipment collection to be concentrated in one spot, rather than spread around our home, and other member homes, just sitting there. The shed has started to age, settle and found to be the home of some mice from time to time.

Two of the most popular new additions to the Equipment Loan Program is the ZWO Seestar S50 ***/high value*** and 30Pro ***/high value*** smart telescopes. The Seestar S50 has seen 32 loan entries since 2025 January and the seestar S30Pro six since 2026 May. In addition it seems that many members, after borrowing either scope, have been known to purchase their own!

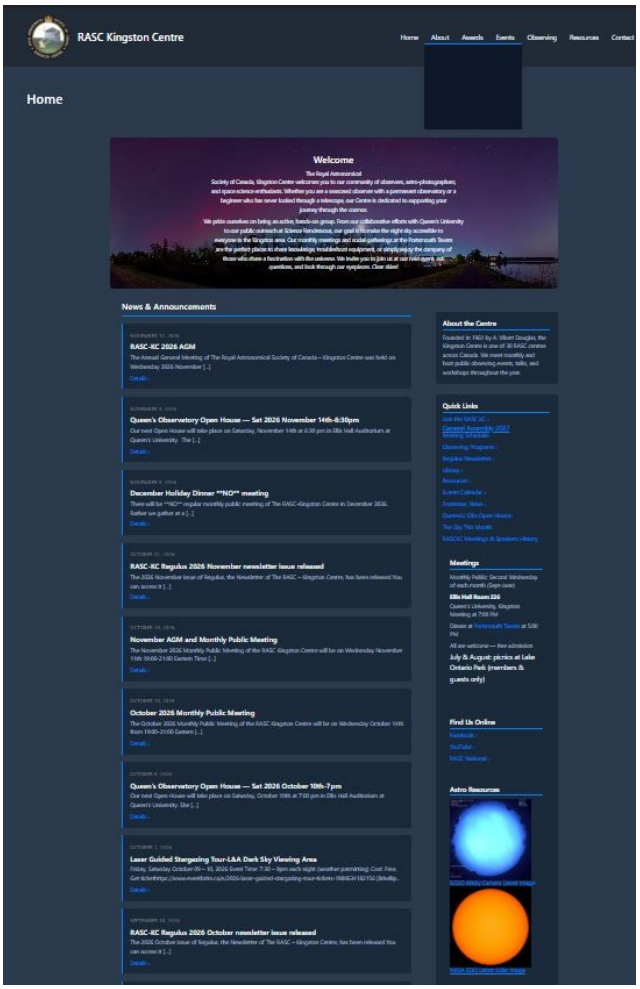
We also received several telescope donations this year:
From Malcolm Park a 40mm Coronado Personal Solar Telescope ***/high value***; the estate of long time member Hein van Asperen, a Questar 3.5" catadioptric apochromatic telescope ***/high value*** and a 20cm Dobsonian telescope ; from Don Fields a 15cm Celestron Sky Prodigy 6SCT; and from Bob Thomas a 15cm Celestron Nexstar 6SE .
So far the Coronado PST, the HVA Questar and the HVA 20cm Dobsonian have entered the Loan program with the 15cm Celestron Sky Prodigy 6SCT and the 15cm Celestron Nexstar 6SE expected to join in the near future.

The 20cm Fitzgerald Dobsonian telescope mirror was recoated and the telescope is back in service at the Queen's University Ellis Hall Observatory for monthly Open Houses.
The 25cm Douglas Dobsonian telescope mirror was recoated and the scope itself is now undergoing some maintenance work. It is expected to be back in service later in 2026.

Some of these donated items we should keep for historical and sentimental value, but all in all we have too many telescopes that are not being used. I joke that we should set up a RASC (Kingston Branch) Telescope Museum and get some $$grant$$ to help support it from the RASC :) :) :)

Reports from Officers and Committees: Webmaster

RASC Kingston Centre Webmaster Annual Report 2026 - Kevin Kell



The RASC Kingston Center maintains a website at kingston.rasc.ca
This is one of many methods of communication with members and the public.

The Board agreed it was time for a refresh, and early in 2026 Malcolm Park led the redesign effort for the Wordpress environment, moving away from a Drupal environment.

At the same time we moved web hosting providers away from Greengeeks, to Canadianwebhosting. Greengeeks had started charging USD and prices had gone up quite a lot. SSL certificates are included and automatic.

The new site went live on 2026 February 17, after a DNS change went into effect by RASC Central Executive Director Jenna Hinds.

The new site looks great, has great content but some small issues. Much of the content was generated with aid from AI coding and is static in nature. The nature of the code makes manually editing a challenge at times.

We upgraded our web hosting service in the fall as this website is also being used for the upcoming 2027 General Assembly.

As of 2026Nov13 :
Disk Used 3123M
Disk Limit 51200M

Fall'n'Stars Star Party 2026

Ten year Summary by Kevin Kell

Fall'N'Stars Star Party											
RASC Belleville and Kin											
Year to Year Financials					CANCELLED						
Updated 2026Oct16					COVID19						
Location	CS	CS	CS	CS	CS	JRV	JRV	JRV	JRV	JRV	
Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
People registered	23	30	41	36		30	39	35	30	36	
Income											
Camping Fees $30/nigh	$580	$480				$951	$1,676	$2,695	$1,240	$990	$900
Registration $15			$1,540	$970		$405	$540		$410	$582	$455
Dinner $20	$680	$440		$707		$480	$540		$580	$660	$420
book sale											
50/50 draw	$121	$53		$60							
raffle		$80	$96	$85							
misc											
Tshirts											
Subtotal Income	**$1,381**	**$1,053**	**$1,636**	**$1,822**		**$1,836**	**$2,756**	**$2,695**	**$2,230**	**$2,232**	**$1,775**
Expenses											
Camping Fees $30/nigh	$580	$470	$560	$1,180		$951	$1,656	$1,530	$1,180	$990	$900
Garage rental $200			$452			$120	$170	$200	$200	$200	$200
Dinner	$585	$396		$490		$269	$450	$400	$289	$500	$300
doorprize									$58		$100
misc food/water/supplies	$65	$12				$142	$118	$50	$98	$165	
guest speaker			$96	$75							$500
tshirts											
refunds										$10	$95
Subtotal expenses	**$1,230**	**$878**	**$1,108**	**$1,745**		**$1,482**	**$2,394**	**$2,180**	**$1,825**	**$1,865**	**$2,095**
Net	**$151**	**$175**	**$528**	**$77**		**$354**	**$362**	**$515**	**$405**	**$367**	**-$320**
Split 50/50	**$76**	**$88**	**$264**	**$39**		**$177**	**$181**	**$258**	**$203**	**$184**	**$0**

AGM 2025 Minutes by Elena Zanetti

RASC Kingston Centre
Annual General Meeting
Queen's University, Ellis Hall Rm 226, Kingston, Ontario
November 12, 2025

Meeting began at 7:10 p.m.
Malcolm Park, our President welcomed all with 30 people in attendance, including our new member, Kevin Wood.

The RASC Kingston Centre acknowledges that we are on the traditional homelands of the Anishinabek, Haudenosaunee, and the Huron-Wendat, and we thank these nations for their care and stewardship over these lands.

- **Approval of Agenda**
  The Agenda for the Annual General Meeting 2024 was presented.
  Motion 20251112 – 1 | Moved by Roger Hill | Seconded by Peggy Hurley | Motion carried.

- **Approval of Annual Meeting minutes of November 13, 2024**
- **Motion 20251112 - 2** | Moved by Kim Hay | Seconded by Roger Hill | Motion Carried.

- **Report of Treasurer & Financials, Auditors Report – Susan Gagnon**
- Susan read a summary of the Oct 1 – Sept 30 2024-25 with one correction from published reports. Total assets were originally published as $10 less and corrected by our Auditor and Treasurer. All documentation has been submitted as required. Our membership stands at 63.
  Motion 20251112 – 3 | Moved by Susan Gagnon | Seconded by Peggy Hurley to accept the financials as presented. Motion Carried.

- **Auditors Report – Bruce Murray**
  Michael Bird, our elected Auditor at our 2024 AGM became unavailable. Bruce Murray agreed to take this on and was appointed by the Board with an email exchange as supporting documentation.
  Motion 20241113 – 4 to approve Auditor's Report | Moved by Bruce Murray | Seconded by Susan Gagnon. Motion Carried.
  All other reports are located on our RASC KC website, compiled by Kevin Kell, into an Annual Report.

- **Kingston Centre election of Directors.**

Nominees must be a member in good standing and be at least 18 years old.
Three Director positions are expiring.

Director	Officer Position	Term	Willing to stand for re-election
Malcolm Park	President	2023-25	Yes
Kim Hay	Vice President	2023-25	No
Susan Gagnon	Treasurer	2023-25	No

Nominations from the floor were requested for the Director position currently held by Malcolm Park who was willing to stand. None came forward. Acclaimed. Malcolm Park has accepted another 2-year term.

Nominations from the floor were requested for the Director position currently held by Kim Hay. Kim nominated Laurie Graham, seconded by Elena Zanetti. Laurie is willing to stand and no other nominations came forward. All approved and Laurie has accepted the position of Director for a 2-year term.

Nominations from the floor were requested for the Director position currently held by Susan Gagnon. Roger nominated Bruce Murray, seconded by Mike Haines. Bruce is willing to stand and no other nominations came forward. All approved and Bruce has accepted the position of Director for a 2-year term.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will assign officer positions as per our By-laws which were passed by a special meeting of our membership, on July 31, 2024.

- **Auditor for 2025 – 2026**
  Nominations from the floor were requested. None came forward.

- Our 2025 – 2026 RASC Kingston Centre Board with positions to be confirmed at the next Board meeting:

Malcolm Park	2025-27
Laurie Graham	2025-27
Bruce Murray	2025-27
Elena Zanetti	2024-26
Roger Hill	2024-26
Kevin Kell	2024-26
John Hurley	2024-26

- **Presentation of Awards – Kim Hay**
  The Kingston Centre A Vibert Douglas Award is our Centre's major award to its most outstanding members, named after our founder of the Kingston Centre and awarded annually for their contributions or achievements. This year's recipient, Malcolm Park, is an accomplished astrophotographer, with images published in books, his own website and on social media. With a remote telescope in Chile, he images the southern wonders and studies the sky for asteroids. In the northern sky, he images and chases auroras and

weather storms. A member of our centre since 2020, he is noted for helping other members, spearheading projects and presentations, and creating Astrophotography 101 and Photography 101. Also, Vice President from 2022-24 and President from 2024 to present, are among his many accomplishments. Presented by the Awards Committee, Kim Hay, Susan Gagnon, and John Hurley.

- **Motion to adjourn 20251112 – 5** | Moved by Malcolm Park | Seconded by Mike Haines |with thanks at 7:40 pm.

Reference Information

Governance

Board of Directors: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Librarian, National Representatives
Directors two year term offset into alternative years. "Class of 2026" 4 directors, "Class of 2025" 3 directors. Minimum 3 Directors, Maximum 7 Directors.

Minimum required Officers: President, Treasurer, Secretary
Executive Committee: Board of Directors, Webmaster, Equipment Coordinator, Outreach Coordinator, Social Convenor

New ONCA Bylaws were passed by special resolution at The RASC-KC Special Meeting on 2024 July31.
The (6) Directors at that time were: Malcolm Park, Susan Gagnon, Elena Zanetti, Andrew Godefroy, Kim Hay, John Hurley

The Board of Directors and Executive Committee met: eight times in 2026.

Mission Statement of The RASC Kingston Centre

The mission of The RASC Kingston Centre is:
• in conjunction with the objectives of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, to promote and foster a greater awareness, understanding, and appreciation of astronomy and allied sciences among the public at large, and particularly among our youth and in the schools, and with groups and individuals who invite our assistance;
• to provide for our members a rich variety of services and programs related to their growth in, and enjoyment of, amateur astronomy;
• to acquire and maintain a library, astronomical equipment, and as need arises, other property, such as may be judged useful for pursuing our astronomical objectives;
• to work in conjunction with the Society and other Centres of the Society to further the progress and welfare of astronomy in Canada.

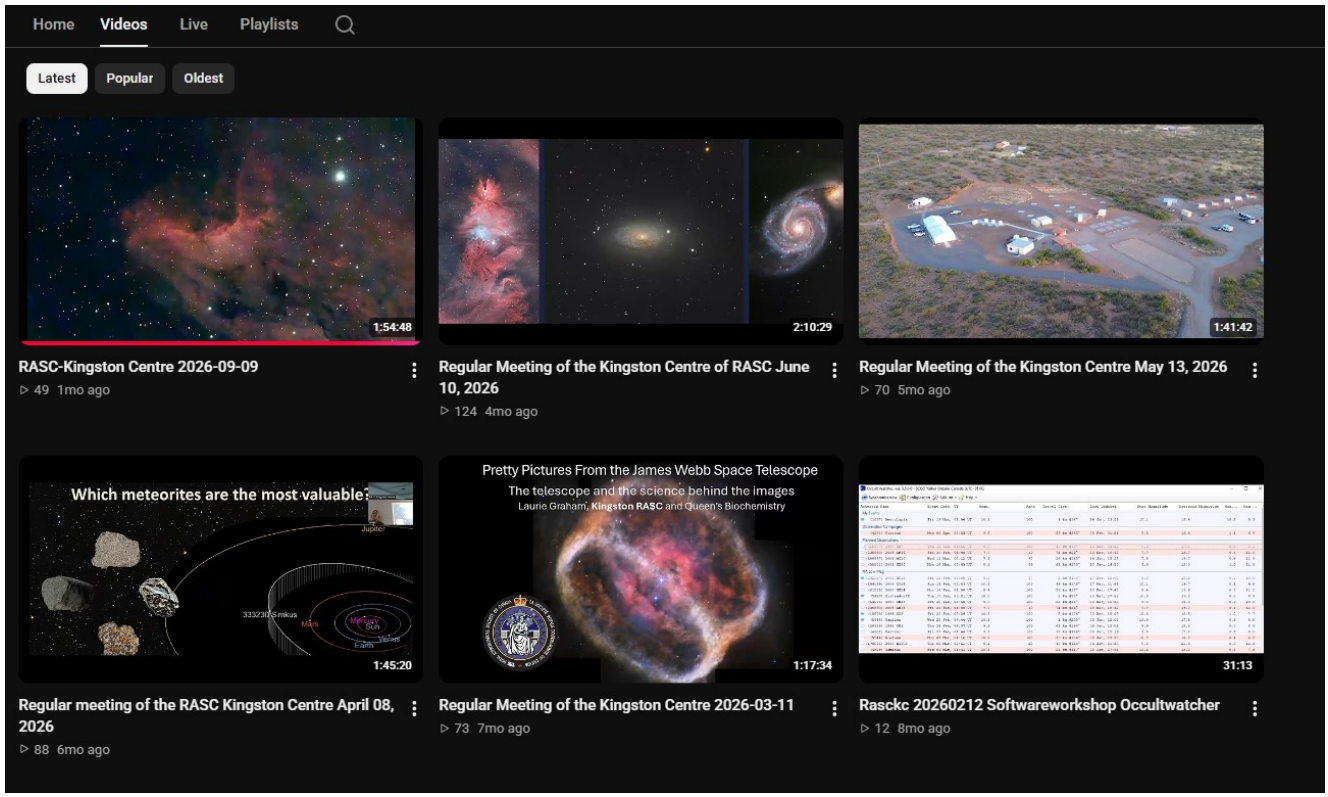
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YEAR	Members	Change	Revenue	Expense	Surplus (Deficit)	Bal	Events	Kingston Fee Included
2028								
2027								
2026	60	-3	$3,999	$6,479	-$2,479	$34,814	Regular fees to $116	$23
2025	63	-7	$8,211	$6,528	$1,683	$37,590		$23
2024	70	3	$6,721	$5,809	$912	$35,908	Regular fees to $111	$23
2023	67	-5	$6,670	$6,738	-$67	$34,996		$23
2022	72	-7	$6,379	$5,217	$1,162	$35,063	Regular fees to $101	$23
2021	79	16	$3,254	$2,235	$1,019	$33,895	Covid 19 pandemic	$23
2020	63	0	$3,637	$1,665	$1,972	$32,876	Covid 19 pandemic	$23
2019	63	3	$6,001	$5,217	$784	$30,907	Regular fees to $86	$23
2018	60	-4	$4,024	$2,862	$1,162	$30,231	Regular fees to $78	$23
2017	64	-3	$4,140	$3,166	$974	$29,093		$23
2016	67	2	$3,407	$3,477	-$71	$28,121	Regular fee to $75	$23
2015	65	-7	$4,715	$3,550	$1,164	$28,200	KAON telescope	$23
2014	72	-3	$3,517	$2,881	$636	$26,917	Reg fee to $72 Torus recoat	$23
2013	75	5	$5,993	$5,946	$47	$26,281	Tardis project	$23
2012	68	-7	$3,293	$3,232	$59	$26,233	Venor recoat	$23
2011	75	-10	$4,331	$3,961	$370	$26,172	Drop $5 surcharge	$23
2010	85	-8	$5,755	$1,894	$3,861	$25,802	Nat $67 to $70	$28=23+5
2009	93	-5	$3,895	$5,592	-$1,697	$21,683	IYA2009	$28=23+5
2008	98	-8	$3,561	$2,815	$746	$22,093	Nat $59 to $67	$28=23+5
2007	106	-19	$8,928	$8,938	-$10	$21,320	Nat $55 to $59; KC charitable	$28=23+5
2006	125	-3	$13,175	$10,634	$2,541	$21,330	Journal now +$15; KC incorp	$28=23+5
2005	128	18	$20,162	$19,796	$366	$18,789	Nat. $50 to $55	27=22+5
2004	110	-22	$21,261	$19,601	$1,660	$18,423	Nat. $45 to $50	25=20+5
2003	132	-13	$8,521	$7,434	$1,087	$16,137		22.60=17.60+5
2002	145	-1	$8,411	$8,933	-$522	$15,050	61cm scope done	22.60=17.60+5
2001	146	-5	$7,549	$9,087	-$1,538	$15,572	Nat. $40 to $44	22.60=17.60+5
2000	151	-25	$16,864	$8,496	$8,742	$17,110	Nat $40, KC sur $5; PR work, educ	21=16+5
1999	176	20	$7,454	$6,752	$702	$8,742	Youth members, PR work	23.40=14.40+9
1998	156	4	$8,160	$3,166	$4,994	$8,040	GA, fundraising	23.40=14.40+9
1997	152	10	$10,519	$8,723	$1,796	$3,046	Hale-Bopp, GA	23.40=14.40+9
1996	142	79	$3,948	$4,407	-$458	$1,250	Hyakutake, SkyNews	23.40=14.40+9
1995	63	-6	$7,095	$6,123	$972	$1,709		23.40=14.40+9
1994	69	9	$4,480	$3,742	$738	$1,206		23.40=14.40+9
1993	60	10	$4,546	$4,078	$468	?	RASC $36, KC surcharge $9	23.40=14.40+9
1992	50	-2	$2,498	$2,672	-$174	?		20.80=12.80+8
1991	52	4	$3,195	$3,075	$120	?	RASC $32, KC surcharge $8	20.80=12.80+8
1990	48	10	$1,899	$1,637	$262	$846		15=10+5
1989	38	3	$1,081	$954	$126	$584		15=10+5
1988	35	-11	$908	$1,150	-$242	$457		15=10+5
1987	46	2	$1,324	$1,031	$292	$699		15=10+5
1986	44	7	$1,756	$1,764	-$8	$407	RASC $25, KC surcharge $5	15=10+5
1985	37	-1	$1,381	$1,405	-$24	$415		

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	Members	Change	Revenue	Expense	NET	Notes	Nat fee	KC fee	Total
2027									
2026	~3500					Regular fees to $116 (+15)	$93	$23	$116
2025	4239	-411	$772,389	$778,909	-$6,250	total members not listed in annual report; fees stable	$88	$23	$111
2024	4650	~150	$826,958	$818,700	$8,258	Regular fees to $111 (+10)	$88	$23	$111
2023	~4500	~237	$1,179,920	$924,893	$255,027	members not listed in annual report	$78	$23	$101
2022	4263	-692	$708,094	$1,691,046	-$982,952	Regular fees to $101 (+15); lose skynews	$78	$23	$101
2021	4955	-73	$2,120,073	$1,015,042	$1,105,031	covid19 pandemic	$63	$23	$86
2020	5028	-15	$843,335	$818,876	$24,459	covid19 pandemic	$63	$23	$86
2019	5043	-23	$826,152	$943,322	-$117,170	Regular fees to $86 (+8)	$63	$23	$86
2018	5066	-27	$614,412	$751,430	-$137,018	Regular fees to $78 (+3)	$55	$23	$78
2017	5093	177	$554,692	$598,010	-$43,318		$52	$23	$75
2016	4916	-65	$563,584	$499,293	$64,291	fee to $75 (+3)	$52	$23	$75
2015	4981	221	$462,738	$509,825	-$47,087	lose charlottetown; buy skynews	$49	$23	$72
2014	4760	350	$464,417	$453,229	$11,188	fee to $72;add family members	$49	$23	$72
2013	4410	348	$502,537	$444,730	$57,807		$47	$23	$70
2012	4062	105	$461,800	$471,571	-$9,771		$47	$23	$70
2011	3957	-38	$453,417	$408,390	$45,027	fee to $70	$47	$23	$70
2010	3995	-45	$427,759	$447,864	$20,105		$39	$28	$67
2009	4040	-176	$555,469	$514,964	$40,505	IYA;Sale of DupontSt. $473k	$39	$28	$67
2008	4216	-131	$459,766	$517,757	-$57,991	Fees to $67; Sunshine Coast; JRASC $17	$39	$28	$67
2007	4347	209	$455,055	$463,630	-$8,575	Fees to $59	$39	$28	$67
2006	4138	-304	$395,248	$383,178	$12,070	JRASC +$15; Mississauga Centre	$27	$28	$55
2005	4442	-227	$469,107	$473,289	-$4,182	Fees to $55	$28	$27	$55
2004	4669	-232	$411,297	$451,262	-$39,965	Fees to $50	$25	$25	$50
2003	4901	213	$413,979	$439,164	-$25,185	Belleville Centre,skyways	$21	$23	$44
2002	4688	268	$422,445	$389,765	$32,680	Prince George Centre	$21	$23	$44
2001	4420	190	$393,266	$368,496	$24,770	fees to $44	$21	$23	$44
2000	4230	447	$356,015	$361,687	-$5,672	fees to $40; Charlottetown Centre	$19	$21	$40
1999	3783	364	$325,617	$360,550	-$34,933		$13	$23	$36
1998	3419	348	$311,009	$290,318	$20,691		$13	$23	$36
1997	3071	221	$250,604	$220,385	$30,219	HaleBopp	$13	$23	$36
1996	2850	-63	$240,794	$210,710	$30,084	Hyakutake,SkyNews,Okanagan Cent	$13	$23	$36
1995	2913	-130	$237,213	$190,479	$46,734		$13	$23	$36
1994	3043	-19	$223,724	$192,830	$30,894	fees to $36	$13	$23	$36
1993	3062	-103	$239,795	$205,698	$34,097		$9	$23	$32
1992	3165	-27	$229,499	$216,402	$13,097		$11	$21	$32
1991	3192	-361	$236,410	$222,140	$14,270	Fees to $32	$11	$21	$32
1990	3553	-47	$204,876	$203,631	$1,245		$10	$15	$25
1989	3600	201	$196,921	$213,839	-$16,918		$10	$15	$25
1988	3399	-135	$204,876	$203,631	$1,245	Thunder Bay Centre	$10	$15	$25
1987	3534	-30	$198,897	$163,364	$35,533	fees to $25	$10	$15	$25
1986	3564	650	$197,100	$174,360	$22,740	Comet Halley	$12	$8	$20
1985	2914	144	$178,851	$163,579	$15,272		$12	$8	$20