Annual General Meeting Agenda
November 22nd, 2026

Call to order

The Annual General Meeting of the Icelandic Canadian Club of Toronto is an online event held through Zoom online.

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1. Approval of the Agenda	
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○ Youth Grants/Snorri	Madeline Ashley
8. Nominations & Election of the Slate	Richard Eriksson
9. Nominations & Election of the Slate	Richard Eriksson
10. Charitable Status for ICCT	DeeAnn Sagar & Glen Thordarson
11. New Business	
12. Adjournment	

ICCT President's AGM Report
November 9th, 2026

Throughout the year, ICCT offers several activities- Nordic Nights, þorrablót, Icelandic National Day celebration, monthly Book Club sessions and online language classes.

We are very excited that plans are moving ahead to apply for charitable status. Thank-you to DeeAnn Sager, Glen Thordarson and Gwen Sigrid Morgan for their commitment to this endeavour. DeeAnn has ample experience working with arts organizations and she continues to guide us on the steps towards achieving charitable status. This new status will help to support our Club activities and initiatives, especially our Youth Grants program.

Every two months, Club Presidents get together on the INLNA Zoom with Mark Peterson facilitating as INLNA President. The meetings centre on a Meet and Greet and Updates from various clubs in Canada and the States. It is enjoyable getting to know other Club presidents and hearing about their clubs' activities and plans. It is a great way to share news, gain information and stay connected. Please remember that as a member of the ICCT, you are automatically a member of the INLNA.The INLNA Newsletter is full of information about events, programs and webinars.

The 2027 INLNA wall calendars are available and they likely will sell out fast. The sale of calendars is an important fund raiser for ICCT. If you love pictures of animals and relate to alliteration in titles, this calendar is for you. The calendar theme is: *Our Feathered, Furred, and Finned Friends*; those found in both North America and Iceland.

Save the dates April 29-May 2 for the 2027 INLNA Convention, hosted by Friends of Iceland (Ottawa), a chapter of the INLNA. The theme is: *Icelandic Innovations: Past, Present & Future.* Please see the INLNA website for more information: https://inlofna.org/ottawa-convention-2027

ICCT EVENTS
Þorrablót

We had wonderful time at our April 11th Þorrablót. For the second year, we were back at the Royal Canadian Legion in Toronto with the menu catered by Blazing Kitchens. They provided a scrumptious feast! The Þorrablót theme this year was: *Wondrous Northern Lights.* When Gwen and I chose this theme, we were still experiencing a long Winter and the power of light was something yearned for, plus Nordic countries were in the news.

I invited the new Ambassador in Ottawa, Ambassador Auðbjörg Halldórsdóttir to Þorrablót, but she was travelling to Iceland the same weekend. She sent warm greetings: *Thank-you very much for your kind invite to attend the ICCT Þorrabólt in Toronto in April. I would have liked that very much…I do hope to have the opportunity to join you and the ICCT at another event or gathering later this year. Wishing you a wonderful time…and pease give my best regards to everybody.*

I want to express a huge thank-you to the Þorrablót Organizing Committee and their kids who helped out, and to the volunteers who brought appetizers, desserts, raffle items, flowers and AV equipment. A special thank-you to Sharon Hanson for organizing our silent auction, our intrepid MCs Chloe Connors and Rob Cuthbert and Auctioneer Glen Thordarson who also tracked down Live Auction donations. Thank-you to Arden Jackson who always makes tasty Icelandic food for Þorrablót- Hangikjöt, Rúllupylsa, Icelandic Brown Bread, Kleinur and, of course, Vínarterta. All these contributions make this an enjoyable evening and a successful fund-raiser for the ICCT.

We were very pleased to have Adam Kalbfleisch attend and say a few words. Adam is the Honorary Consulate General of Iceland in Toronto and he was joined by his wife Jessica Roberts and children Isadora, Atli and Linnea. Our favourite performer Lindy performed and I think it was his son Gusti who sang one of Lindy's songs with his father. It was heartwarming to hear Lindy's musical talents being nurtured and his whole family was in attendance: his wife Wallis, Lennon Cooper, Joni and Gusti Ragnar. I was very pleased to successfully bid at the live auction on a house concert donated by Lindy.

The Icelandic Canadian Club of Toronto has a proud tradition of naming certain members to be Lifetime Honorary Members. A Lifetime Honorary membership is bestowed for exemplary philanthropy within the Icelandic Canadian community and/or longstanding service to the Club. The Icelandic National League of North America also bestows Lifetime Honorary memberships.

Present at this year's Þorrablót were: Gail Einarson-McCleery (ICCT and INLNA) and Lindy Vopnfjörð. We also acknowledged Honorary Members who were not able to attend: Betty Jane Wylie, Don Gislason (ICCT and INLNA, and a member-at-large on the ICCT Board), Donald K. Johnson (ICCT and INLA, and a major donor to both organizations), Bruce Crawford, Guðrun Sigursteinsdóttir Girgis, who created the Kinmount sculpture *In the Presence of a Soul,* Jon R. Johnson, who in the past had Adam's job as Honorary Consulate General of Iceland in Toronto.

Speaking of authors, Donald K. Johnson has a new book out, *Thriving at 90 and Beyond: A Reflective Guide to Living Well and Discovering What's Really Important.*

And finally, we acknowledged the passing of two ICCT members. Condolences were conveyed to the family of Lynn Friesen, whose Mom died last Fall. Lynn was incredibly involved in ICCT and she loved attending Þorrablót celebrations. Founding ICCT member Erla Pálmason Macaulay died last year (2025). On the ICCT website, there is a detailed history of the club, updated by Gail Einarson-McCleery. Here is an excerpt:

In 1959, we were invited to Franney Peacock s home where a group of ladies from Iceland living in the Toronto area were getting together. It was decided to have their next meeting at Erla

Macaulay s home where a slate of officers was elected for the Club s inaugural 1959/60 year and Franney Peacock named its inaugural President. The name Icelandic Canadian Club of Toronto was chosen. The meetings were to be in English and men invited…[there is a photo of this first meeting on the website]

Cam and Erla Macaulay kindly invited us to their farm near Erin, Ontario for a picnic in June on the Sunday closest to the 17th (Iceland s Independence Day). In 1981, a choir from Skagafjörður, Iceland visiting Toronto attended the event and entertained as did the Reykjavík Band in 1987. The picnic was held at Erla and Cam s place for 25 years. Cam was also ICCT President in the mid 1970s.

Icelandic National Day Celebration

We had a very successful celebration of Icelandic National Day at Kimber Valley Farms on June 20th. We were thrilled the Ambassador was able to attend the inaugural Icelandic Farm Fest. The all day event was hosted by Lynn Thordarson and ICCT sponsored our special Lindy Vopnfjord. There was a short official ceremony which included a chance to meet and hear from the new Iceland Ambassador in Ottawa, Auðbjörg Halldórsdóttir. Adam Kalbfleisch, Honorary Consulate General of Iceland in Toronto and his family were also in attendance. Vendors, food, Icelandic horse demonstrations, meeting Lynn's Icelandic sheep and Shasta the donkey, beautiful scenery and good company made it a fun filled day for all! Thank-you to Arden Jackson for providing delicious sandwiches and, of course, Vínarterta for everyone attending. A grateful thank-you to Gwen Sigrid Morgan for chauffeuring the Ambassador from Pearson Airport to Kimber Valley Farms, hunting for strong coffee in rural Ontario, and driving the Ambassador back to Pearson to catch a flight to Iceland for her daughter's wedding.

We welcome you to this year's virtual Annual General Meeting (AGM), Sunday afternoon starting at 2:00 pm, November 2nd. Please join us to hear what your Club has been accomplishing over the past year. If you have an interest in serving on the Board, you are very welcome to contact me, carolyn@carolynarnason.com

COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES
Please see the ICCT subcommittee reports for more details. Here are some highlights:

FÁLKINN NEWSLETTER: Madeline Ashley continues to edit and produce the Fálkinn newsletter. She continues to provide source interesting articles presented in an engaging design. Thank-you Madeline for all your creative work, the newsletter is wonderful. Members, please remember to submit information or articles for the newsletter, like births, deaths, marriages and stories of interest to you. Keep in touch!

ICELANDIC LANGUAGE CLASSES (Íslenskukennsla): Thank-you to Peggy MacFarlane for her persistence in finding suitable teachers and organizing the classes. This is not the easiest of volunteer jobs, but Peggy does it with grace and patience.

YOUTH GRANTS: Madeline Ashley continues to mange the youth grants program. As one of ICCT's mandates is to foster the bond with Iceland, funding of youth grants like the Icelandic summer camp and Snorri programs are essential. We also award grants to students entering college or university studies. The Club asks recipients to give back to our community through ten hours of volunteer work. You can learn more about the ICCT youth program on our website and in Madeline's AGM report.

NORDIC NIGHTS: Nordic Nights chair Katrine Handley-Derry continues to source fascinating films. Peter Norman provides technical support as well tracking fees, payment and donations. Nordic Nights is a hybrid event, which makes it very successful. Mike Pezzi offers his condo's screening room as a home for live showings. Please see Katrine's report for a review of the past year and check on the ICCT website and in the Fálkinn newsletter for upcoming Nordic Nights films.

BOOK CLUB: We continue to be thrilled about the relaunch of the Book Club with DeeAnn Saga as Chair. She diligently works to create a schedule of Book Club offerings with feedback from attendees. For DeeAnn, *there's nothing more Icelandic than a Book Club*. You can read more in Fálkinn issues. DeeAnn makes it easy to find the books and providessynopses for each of the books as well as relevant articles and music! Please visit the ICCT website for more details on the schedule and upcoming books in the 2026-2026 season, https://www.icct.info/news/book-club

SOCIAL MEDIA AND FACEBOOK: Chloe Connors deftly and efficiently handles our Instagram account and Richard Eriksson keeps our Facebook account up to date. If you are not connected already, do look for the ICCT accounts and go to "like" the posts on a regular basis.

SAGA CONNECTIONS: Gwen Morgan, Richard Eriksson, Gail Einarson-McCleery and Don Gislason are on the Saga Connection committee. I know Gwen and her committee have ideas for future Saga Connection topics and speakers so stay tuned! There are several past Saga Connections recordings available for listening on the ICCT website, https://www.icct.info/saga

THANK-YOU TO ALL:

I am coming to the end of my two-year term as President, which brings sadness but also a feeling of pride for the ICCT Board members who volunteer their time, wisdom and creative energies. I have benefited from their determination to keep our Club vibrant. I want to say a special thank-you to Gwen Sigrid Morgan, Past President of ICCT and INLNA, for her steady and generous support. I also extend gratitude to all our ICCT members for your commitment to Icelandic culture and traditions. The stories need to be told and re-told to continue our connected communities.

Please check that you have renewed your membership. If you would like to become a member of ICCT, it is easy and we welcome you. Follow the instructions at https://www.icct.info/join-2

If you have any questions about membership, you can contact Peter Norman, treasurer@icct.info

It has been a real pleasure to serve as President of the ICCT. I have an amazing Board to work with. I am very grateful for their support, creativity and commitment to ICCT. I was inspired to join the ICCT Board because it felt like the right time for expanding and deepening my ties to my Icelandic heritage, and getting to know similarly inspired people in our community. I did not grow up with Icelandic food, traditions or events, but I have been a member of ICCT for many years. Now, as an older adult, I am embracing with pride the shared love of Iceland and our heritage. As Gwen said in her 2024 President's Report: *This is what the club is about: celebration, connection and heritage.*

To close, I recently asked Gail Einarson-McCleery about the spinning wheel I purchased at the 2025 Þorrablót silent auction. She kindly told me the story: *The spinning wheel was a replica prop made by my uncle Gusti Helgason of Arnes, Manitoba for a CBC TV film I was Unit Manager for, called ´Gentle Sinners´; the original story had been written by Bill Valgardson, years ago. After that, I tried to give the spinning wheel to the museum in Gimli, but they already had a spinning wheel…glad to hear you still have it.*

Með Kveðju, Takk fyrir,
Carolyn Arnason
ICCT President

(from the website)

Volunteer with ICCT Today!

The heart and soul of our club is our volunteers. There are many ways to get involved make some new great friends and have an important impact on our community. If you would like to join this dynamic team, please send an email to us here: I Want to Volunteer!

2025-2026 Fiscal Year

Financial Report

For

The Icelandic Canadian Club of Toronto

June 30, 2026

This report prepared by
Peter Norman
ICCT Treasurer 2025-2026

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INCOME STATEMENT

2022-2026 ICCT Income Statement Trend Analysis

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12 months ending June 30:	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Membership Dues	3,355	2,054	2,685	1,840	2,250
Thorrablot/Silent Auction (NET)	1,796	6,822	5,174	6,256	5,689
Kinmount Book Sales	255	468	265	122	37
Iceletters Revenue		729	490	130	201
Donations	1,225	758	1,087	210	175
Snorri West Donations	-	-	-	-	-
Interest on GIC	-	-	-	-	-
Sale of Merchandise	-	-	9	-	-
Sale of Calendars	1,138	1,016	1,049	816	967
Events	93	2,226	-	98	-
Other	-	582	-	-	71
Falkinn Advertisements	-	150	-	-	-
Movies/Meetings	1,145	670	1,230	1,210	1,130
Icelandic Class	-	810	1,340	1,620	2,200
Member Account Deposits	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenue	9,007	16,285	13,329	12,302	12,720
INL Convention	-	3,460	-	1,688	-
Office/Outreach, phone, ads, Website	1,428	1,020	1,283	985	924
Insurance / Professional fees	2,297	2,661	2,494	2,696	2,627
Scholarship/Icelandic Camp	1,000	2,000	2,500	2,500	2,085
Donations/Gifts	250	109	-	50	515
Printing/Mailing Newsletter	896	-	-	-	-
Kinmount Program Expenses	-	-	737	8	-
Iceletters Expenses		3,281	-	-	-
Movies, meetings	366	3,813	480	1,933	1,413
Cost of Merchandise	-	-	-	-	-
Calendars	865	746	1,111	1,261	1,088
INL Dues	598	554	464	474	366
Library	-	76	-	-	-
Snorri Program	1,000	-	1,500	2,000	-
Snorri West Program	-	-	-	-	-
Service Charges	325	268	558	512	444
Icelandic Class	-	751	978	899	1,773
Member Acccount Withdraws	1,735	450	319	-	-
Expenses	10,760	19,189	12,424	15,007	11,234
Net	**(1,753)**	**(2,904)**	**905**	**(2,705)**	**1,486**

PROGRAM SUMMARIES

Program Net Positions	12 months ending June 30:				
	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Thorrablót	1,796	6,822	5,174	6,256	5,689
Events	(29)	(1,437)	(180)	(570)	(500)
Calendars	273	270	(62)	(445)	(121)
Movies	901	520	930	(55)	217
Kinmount	255	468	(472)	114	37
Iceletters	-	(2,552)	490	130	201
Merch	-	-	9	-	-
Classes	-	59	362	721	427
Club Operations	(1,214)	(4,603)	(1,027)	(4,355)	(2,380)
Grants and Special Program:	(2,000)	(2,000)	(4,000)	(4,500)	(2,085)
Deposit Program	(1,735)	(450)	(319)	-	-
	(1,753)	**(2,902)**	**905**	**(2,705)**	**1,486**

BALANCE SHEET

Assets	30-Jun-24	30-Jun-26	Change
GIC	$ -	$ -	$ -
Bank Account	$ 11,602	$ 12,778	$ 1,177
Pay Pal	$ 1,345	$ 482	$ (863)
Cash	$ 1,988	$ 1,885	$ (103)
Cheques Outstanding	$ (1,300)	$ -	$ 1,300
AR	$ 25	$ -	$ (25)
Total	**$ 13,659**	**$ 15,145**	**$ 1,486**

Funds	30-Jun-24	30-Jun-26	Change
Youth Grant Fund	$ 2,384	$ 4,299	$ 1,915
Snorri West Program	$ 3,135	$ 3,135	$ -
Kinmount Reserve Fund	$ 423	$ 460	$ 37
Movie Program	$ 4,037	$ 4,254	$ 217
Funds Held on Account	$ 196	$ 196	$ -
Members' Equity	$ 3,483	$ 2,800	$ (683)

RESERVE FUNDS

Youth Grants Program

These funds are reserved for Scholarships, Snorri grants and the Icelandic Kids Camp donation.

The amount available in July 2025 was $2,385
less funds awarded in 2025/26 of 2x$1,000 scholarships; and *less* fund expenses of $85
= $2,085
= $300 to carry over.

2025/26 Donations	$	0 (nil)
plus Proceeds from the Auction	$	4,000
plus Carryover	$	300
Total	$	4,300
less Transfer to Snorri West Fund	$	0 (nil)
Fund Carryover to 2026/27	$	4,300.00

Snorri West Program

These funds are reserved for future Snorri West program activities of the ICCT.

Opening Balance July 2025	$	3,135
plus Donations and Other Revenue	$	0 (nil)
plus Transfer from Youth Grant Fund	$	0 (nil)
less Expenses Related to Program	$	0 (nil)
Net Funds	$	3,135
Fund Carryover to 2026/27	$	3,135.00

Nordic Nights Movie Program

These funds are reserved for future Nordic Nights Movie Program activities of the ICCT.

Opening Balance from July 2025	$ 4,037
plus Donations and Other Revenue	$ 1,130
less Expenses Related to Program	$ 913
equals Net Funds	$ 217
Fund Carryover to 2026/27	$ 4,254.00

Kinmount Memorial Fund

These funds are reserved for use at the Kinmount Memorial.

Opening Balance from July 2025	$ 423
plus Donations and Other Revenue	$ 37
less Expenses Related to Program	$ 0 (nil)
less Distributions to Kinmount	$ 0 (nil)
equals Net Funds	$ 37
Fund Carryover to 2026/27	$ 460.00

THORRABLOT REPORT

The ICCT Thorrablót is a banquet and fundraising event held once per year in the late winter or early spring. This year the Thorrablót was held on April 11, 2026 at the Royal Canadian Legion at 1395 Lake Shore Blvd West in Toronto. We had 83 people attend Thorrablot 2026, down about 30% from the previous year. This year's event included silent and live acutions and a raffle, all aimed at fundraising. Food was sourced from the wonderful caterer Blazing Kitchen. Authentic Icelandic foods were also sourced from Arden Jackson and volunteers. This year the bar was handled by the venue. Entertainment was provided by Lindy Vopnfjörð.

The result of these activities had the following implications on the Club finances for the 2025/26 fiscal year.

2026 Þorrablót Report	
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Total Tickets (including comps)	83
	2026
Expenses	
TE: Food	5,879
TE: Labour	300
TE: Venue	1,102
TE: Bar	-
TE: Ticket Comps	245
TE: Other	689
Total Expense	**$ 8,214**
Revenues	
TR: Tickets	5,970
TR: Merch and Food Sales	-
TR: Bar	-
TR: Raffle Proceeds	537
Revenue	**$ 6,507**
Total Revenue	6,507
Total Expense	8,214
Net Revenue	**$ (1,707)**
Fundraising Activities	
TR: Live Auctions	2,015
TR: Silent Auction	1,804
TR: Donations	3,850
TE: Fundraising expenses	273
Total Fundraising Proceeds	**$ 7,396**
Total Net Event and Fundraising Revenues	$ 5,689
Board Decision on Allocation To Youth Fund	$ 4,000
Net Contribution (Loss) to Member Equity	**$ 1,689**

YEAR END BANK STATEMENT

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Business Account Statement

May 29, 2026 to June 30, 2026

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C/O PETER NORMAN
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Account Summary for this Period

Royal Business Community Account ®

Royal Bank of Canada
9335 YONGE ST, RICHMOND HILL, ON L4C 1V4

Opening balance on May 29, 2026	$14,173.17
Total deposits & credits (2)	+ 19.39
Total cheques & debits (5)	- 1,414.34
Closing balance on June 30, 2026	**= $12,778.22**

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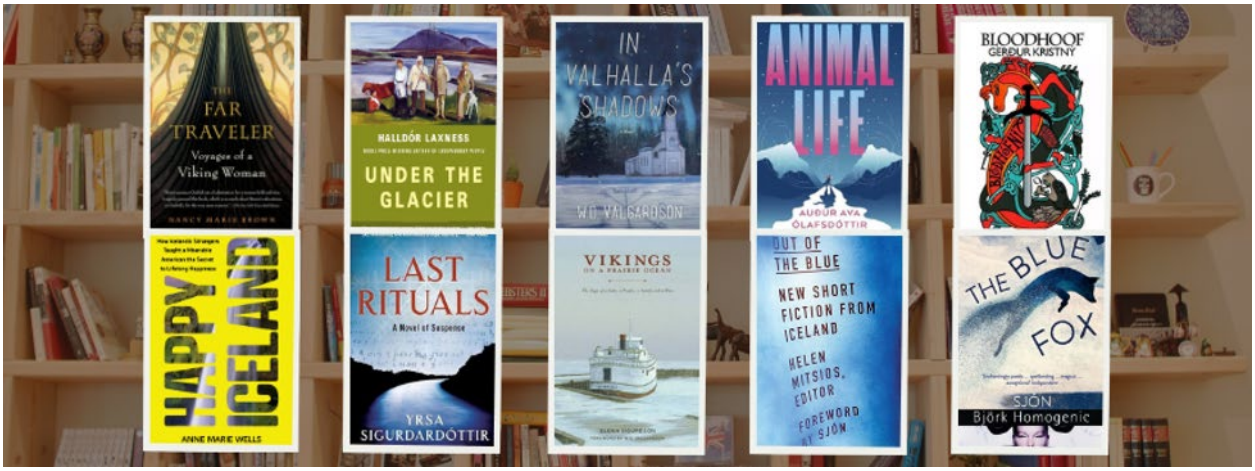
Account Activity Details

Date	Description	Cheques & Debits ($)	Deposits & Credits ($)	Balance ($)
	Opening balance			14,173.17
01 Jun	Monthly fee	3.75		
	Regular transaction fee 1 Cr @ 0.60	0.60		
	Paper statement with images fee 1 @ 5.00	5.00		14,163.82
15 Jun	Misc Payment PAYPAL	904.99		13,258.83
22 Jun	Misc Payment Square, Inc.		18.79	
	Cheque 500.00 Serial # 2584			12,777.62
25 Jun	Misc Payment Square, Inc.		0.60	12,778.22
	Closing balance			**12,778.22**

Account Fees: $9.35

FINANCIAL REVIEWER'S REPORT

[Still To Come]



ICCT BOOK CLUB AGM REPORT
October 18. 2026
DeeAnn Sagar

Að ganga með bók í maganum: To walk with a book in your stomach. Everyone gives birth to a book or has a book in them.

We are a nation of storytellers. When it was dark and cold we had nothing else to do. Thanks to the poetic eddas and medieval sagas, we have always been surrounded by stories. After independence from Denmark in 1944, literature helped define our identity." -- Solvi Bjorn Siggurdsson

As I often say, there's nothing more Icelandic than a book club and I am honored to be given to run one of the ICCT. I am honoured to be organizing and facilitating the ICCT's Book Club for a second year.

Thanks to all who so kindly supported our club in 2025-2026. We started in September 2025 with 24 members on our list and we now have 46. Almost everyone has attended at least one session. Our members come from all over—Ontario (Toronto, Oshawa, Kitchener, Kingston), British Columbia, Nevada, Virginia, Illinois and even Reykjavík! We had one author join us—Bill Valgardson for Unexpected Fictions, and in 2026-2027 we have two author visits planned, possibly three. Watch our webpage and Falkinn updates for more information.

We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm Eastern time, from September 2026 to June 2027. Thus, there are ten selections for 2026-2027, as you can see in the photo above, or by going to the Book Club webpage:

ICCT Book Club 2026-2027 Webpage

They span the genres—history, biography, fiction including Nordic Noir, short stories and non-fiction. The sessions will be virtual, on Zoom, so feel free to join us from anywhere. It is not necessary to have read the book.

We have an online Members Portal on Google Drive where there a few thought-provoking starter questions for each book, slide show, interesting resources and a Spotify playlist inspired by our selections. You will find it here:

ICCT Book Club Members Portal.

I will also provide regular updates in Falkínn. We have two special sessions this year as well as the author visits: Bloodhoof in January, which is published in a parallel text edition, in both English and Icelandic, and a mash up of Sjón's The Blue Fox and Björk's **Homogenic** in June.

Please email me at deeann.sagar@gmail.com if you would like to join, if you have questions or if you would like more information.

Takk fyrir!
DeeAnn

Nordic Nights Report

Submitted by: *Katrine Handley-Derry*
Date: *November 29, 2026*

Overview

Nordic Nights is a collaborative film series co-presented by the Icelandic Canadian Club of Toronto (ICCT) and the Finnish Consulate in Toronto. The series aims to bring acclaimed Icelandic and Finnish films to Canadian audiences, celebrating Nordic culture, storytelling, and the distinct cinematic traditions of both countries.

Screenings are held monthly from September to March, alternating between Icelandic and Finnish films, and are presented in a hybrid format, allowing audiences to join either in person or online. All events are free to attend, with donations encouraged to help sustain the program.

Program Goals

- To **showcase Nordic cinema** and promote cultural exchange through film.
- To **build community** by connecting members and guests through shared cultural experiences.
- To **offer accessible programming** for both in-person and remote audiences.

2025–2026 Season Highlights

The 2025–2026 season continued to grow in reach and participation.

Film selections included:

- *Virgin Mountain by Dagur Kári* (Iceland, 2015) – September 30, 2025
- *Lynx Man (Ilveskuiskaaja) by Juha Suonpää* (Finland, 2023) – November 4, 2024
- *The Day Iceland Stood Still* by Pamela Horgan (Iceland, 2024) - December 2, 2025

- *An evening of short films from Finland* (Finland) – January 27, 2026
    - Tickler (Kutkuttaja) by Jenni Koljonen, 2025 (2:45)
    - The Rock Tensions by Markus Lehtokumpu, 2025 (4:03)
    - Play This at My Funeral by Tellervo Kalleinen and Niina Lehtonen Braun, 2013 (3:42)
    - Fish River Anthology by Veera Lamminpää, 2024 (9:30)
    - D/Composition by Jukka Silokunnas, 2025 (1:18)
    - At the Shadow of the World by Arttu Nieminen and Hans Pieski, 2025 (8:20)
    - Priest and the Ugly Christmas Tree (Pastori ja ruma joulukuusi) by Maarit Lalli, 2025 (29:00)
    - Ulmus Laevis by Aimo Hyvärinen, 2025 (2:55)

    - The Long Goodbye by Tellervo Kalleinen and Niina Lehtonen Braun, 2016 (7:48)
- *Godland by Hlynur Pálmason (Iceland, 2022)* - February 24, 2026
- *Long Good Thursday by Mika Kaurismäki* (Finland, 2024) - March 31, 2026

Each screening included an introduction and a post-film Q&A discussion, providing an engaging space for audience reflection on Nordic culture and film traditions.

Attendance and Engagement

- **Average attendance:** 40–100 participants per screening (in-person and online combined)
- **Total reach:** ~250 attendees across the season
- **Hybrid participation:** Steady growth in online attendance, with viewers joining from across Ontario and other provinces
- **Community feedback:** Positive responses to the hybrid format, curated film selection, and post-film discussions highlighting Icelandic film themes and traditions

Partnerships and Support

We gratefully acknowledge:

- **Laura McSwiggan and the Finnish Consulate of Toronto** – for film coordination and promotion
- **Mike Pezzi** – for generously providing downtown venue space
- **Icelandic National League of North America (INLNA)** – for ongoing partnership support

Financial Summary

- Screenings are free to attend, with voluntary donations accepted through icct.info/movies.
- Cost to screen film varies, from generously donated or waived fees to upwards of $800 CAD, but the committee prioritizes films with lower screening costs to ensure the budget doesn't exceed the cost.
- Donations have helped offset venue, promotion, and technical setup costs.

Looking Ahead

Laura ended her term at the Finnish Consulate; we hope to continue this partnership and honour Laura for her contribution to the program. In 2026–2027, the goal is to:

- Explore a partnership with other Nordic groups in Toronto and the Norwegian Consulate
- Strengthen outreach through social media and partnerships with local cultural groups.
- Maintain our hybrid format to ensure accessibility for all ICCT members and friends.

Closing: Nordic Nights continues to grow as a cornerstone of ICCT's cultural programming, offering an engaging way to experience the depth and creativity of Nordic film. We wish to continue to showcase great Nordic films to Canadian and North American Audiences. The series has fostered connection, cultural pride, and community across borders, and we look forward to building on its success in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

Katrine Handley-Derry
Co-organizer, *Nordic Nights*
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Language Classes Report

Submitted by: Peggy MacFarlane
2026 ICCT Annual General Meeting

We continued with our teacher Erna, the Icelander from down under, for a spring 2026 term. Unfortunately, the only time slot that Erna has available to teach classes is our Saturday nights. Students registered, but something was always coming up and in the end, attendance was very poor.

If any members are aware of an Icelandic teacher that might be willing to teach for us in 2027, please let class coordinator Peggy know. Failing that, we plan to fall back on a plan we used a few years ago, in which the absolute beginner classes are taught by the coordinator. A conversation circle can also be offered for more advanced students.

Youth Grants Report

Submitted by: Madeline Ashley
2026 ICCT Annual General Meeting

We awarded 2 scholarships of $1000 to Chloe Connors and Emily Russell, and had 5 other qualified applicants who I anticipate will apply again. I have also been contacted with questions by an additional potential applicant for the upcoming scholarship deadline.

We did not have any applicants for the Icelandic Camp grant this year.

In 2025, the Snorri Program extended their application deadline, resulting in an acceptance for Siobhan Handley-Derry after the March 1 Snorri grant application deadline. The ICCT board voted at that time to award a grant of $1000 using funds from the upcoming 2026 scholarships and grants. This year, we did not receive any applications from any Ontario Snorris, and the only grant applicant received funding from their own club. As such, the ICCT board voted to award $500 directly to the Snorri Program to be used at their discretion.