

Message from President & CEO



2018–19 was an exciting and productive year for CCVO. Our staff team and Board were deeply engaged in a strategic planning process, and our Board of Directors approved a new, concise and focused [three-year strategic plan](#) for CCVO. Flowing from the plan are several specific initiatives, including a new organization-level impact evaluation framework as well as a design-based approach for collaborative leadership – establishing CCVO as an essential partner in civil society. As we began to work towards our new strategic priorities, we focused on growing our own adaptive capacity while empowering nonprofits across Alberta beginning with continuing to develop and share insights into the sector.

Our research and advocacy for the nonprofit sector played a constructive role prior to and during the provincial election of April 2019. We developed and distributed a comprehensive [Alberta Nonprofit Election Toolkit](#) to help organizations large and small participate in the democratic process, and launched an engaging [#nonprofitsvote campaign](#), encouraging staff, Board members, volunteers and stakeholders to vote. We were very pleased that our research – gathered and informed by nonprofit leaders across Alberta – for the [State of the Alberta Nonprofit Sector 2018 report](#), as well as our [policy brief](#) distributed to all parties in the province, proved useful, with CCVO’s recommendations emerging in the policy platforms of political parties.

As we move into our 16th year, we’re more committed than ever to partnering with peer organizations to advance a robust public policy agenda. We believe that this, combined with our programs and convening activities, is empowering others to build healthier communities across Alberta.

With sincere thanks to our members and supporters who help make our work possible,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Mitchell', is positioned above the printed name.

David Mitchell
President & CEO