

St Paul's Greek Orthodox Community of Regina

2025 AGM – Sunday, December 7, 2025

Mosaic Report: Vasilis Vandoros and Chris Hamilton

Mosaic 2025 was another successful celebration of Greek culture, hospitality, and community spirit. Attendance remained strong although slightly down from the previous year (2025: 21,270, 2024: 23,491), due to the challenges navigating a Roughriders home opener game on the first day of Mosaic. Our Friday and Saturday days bounced us back to make up for Thursday. Visitor feedback overall was positive. The Pavilion team worked tirelessly to provide an authentic experience through food, music, and dance — showcasing the warmth and generosity of our Greek heritage.

We have continued our ongoing collaboration with REAL District to ensure that we deliver the highest quality of service to both our organization and our patrons. Recognizing the shared challenges faced by all groups, we joined forces with the other five pavilions located on the REAL District grounds. Together, we worked diligently to address common concerns by presenting a united front when communicating with REAL District representatives.

One significant topic of discussion was the potential scheduling conflict posed by another Roughrider game coinciding with Mosaic event days. This occurrence has had a negative impact on pavilion operations and potential revenue for all participants. While REAL District alone cannot guarantee that these conflicts will not arise in the future, the collective concerns and preferences of the pavilions have been clearly communicated.

Ultimately, the responsibility for advocating on behalf of all pavilions rests with the Regina Multicultural Council (RMC). It is essential for RMC to engage in discussions with both the Roughriders organization and REAL District. The goal is to explore the possibility of designating all Mosaic event days as unavailable for scheduling Roughrider games, thereby preventing future conflicts and supporting the continued success of all pavilions involved.

The Regina Multicultural Council (RMC) continues to play a vital role as a key partner in hosting Mosaic. RMC is dedicated to maintaining its strong presence within the multicultural community. However, the organization faces ongoing challenges, particularly in terms of financial resources and volunteer support. Despite these organizational struggles, there exists a valuable opportunity for members of our community to become involved and support RMC in its efforts. Increased engagement could help strengthen the organization and contribute positively to the overall success of Mosaic and other multicultural initiatives in Regina.

Acknowledgments,

We extend our sincere gratitude to all the individuals and groups who contributed to the success of Mosaic 2025:

- We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to all the Committee Heads for their dedication and hard work in organizing and planning their respective stations. Their commitment to ensuring that each station operated smoothly was instrumental in the overall success of Mosaic 2025.
- We also extend our sincere thanks to every volunteer who generously offered their time and effort, both during set-up and throughout the event days. Your collective contributions were invaluable, and the event would not have been possible without your support and enthusiasm.
- We extend our sincere gratitude to the Daughters of Penelope Hellenic Dancers and our local band, Arkadia, for providing exceptional entertainment and keeping our guests engaged throughout the event. Their performances added vibrancy and joy to the festivities, making the experience memorable for all in attendance.
- Our heartfelt thanks also go to all our sponsors who contributed to the success of Mosaic 2025. Although we opted not to actively seek monetary donations this year, we are grateful for the numerous in-kind contributions received from valued businesses including 4 Seasons, Cravings All Day Grill & Stats Sports Lounge, The Cottage

Restaurant, Joe's Deli, SubExpress, Western Pizza (South Albert), and especially our generous stage sponsor, Link Development. We would also like to recognize and appreciate all sponsors from previous years, Mosaic 2023 and 2024: Copper Kettle, Deli 360, Diplomat, DKM Engineering, Gould Billiards, Juliana Pizza, K Family Kitchen, K2 Laboratory, Lorne Drugs, Margarita Parisone, Mechanical Design Group, Medicine Shoppe – Rochdale, Memorie, Nicky's Café, Patty Gourgaris, Peter Furlas, Regent Pizza, Regina Family Foot Clinic, Soma Salon, Trifon's Pizza, and Winmar.

- Special recognition is due to our Kitchen and Food Line volunteers, whose dedication forms the heartbeat of our Pavilion. Their hard work and commitment have been essential to our achievements. We are deeply appreciative of their contributions and the spirit of service they bring to our community.
- We would also like to acknowledge Gus Anasatasakis for his outstanding leadership of our Kitchen. His unwavering commitment, thoughtful approach, and pursuit of excellence have been instrumental in the development of our pavilion. Gus's presence and guidance will be sorely missed, and we honour his memory and lasting impact on our community. May his memory be eternal.

Ongoing Improvements

The Volunteer Food Line continues to be a work in progress as we strive for ongoing improvement. We kindly ask all volunteers to remain patient during peak business hours, understanding that there may be temporary periods when the food line is empty. It is crucial that everyone follows the established guidelines to maintain an orderly and efficient process.

Most importantly, we encourage all volunteers to recognize and respect the considerable pressure faced by our Kitchen team. Their tireless dedication is vital in delivering high-quality service to our 20,000 guests and approximately 200 volunteers and dancers over the three days of Mosaic. Your cooperation and understanding play a key role in supporting the Kitchen staff and ensuring a positive experience for everyone involved.

Looking Ahead to Mosaic 2026

Mosaic 2025 marks the conclusion of our tenure as Co-Managers. We would like to express our deep appreciation to all Committee Heads, Volunteers, and mentors who have collaborated with us over the years. It has been an honour and a privilege to serve in these roles and contribute to our community's cherished event.

We are delighted to announce that two of our youth, Anthony Parisone and Kelly Lowry, have stepped forward to assume the roles of Co-Managers for Mosaic 2026. We welcome and congratulate Anthony and Kelly as they take on these responsibilities. We are committed to mentoring and supporting them through this transition to ensure continuity and ongoing success. Congratulations and thank you once again to Anthony and Kelly for their dedication to our Pavilion's future.

Mosaic 2026: June 4, 5, 6

Respectfully submitted by Mosaic Pavilion Co-Managers:

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