



Valley Hospice Foundation
Annual General Meeting – June 22 2016

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1. Building our Hospice

\$4 million has been received and pledged to support the building costs of the Hospice. Funds have been raised as part of a larger \$8 million campaign that also supported the redevelopment of Valley Regional Hospital. In 2007, an agreement with the former Annapolis Valley District Health Authority outlined the operational funding commitment.

At the beginning of this fiscal year the Province of Nova Scotia amalgamated nine health districts into one Nova Scotia Health Authority (NSHA). The implementation of Hospice as a setting of care in Nova Scotia is now defined within a Framework that extends from provincial planning for Hospice Palliative Care, resulting in a requirement that the Valley Hospice Foundation redefine their partnership with the Nova Scotia Health Authority.

In October 2016 a steering committee made up of Don Wells, Robbie Harrison, Wayne Woodman and Diana Patterson, became engaged in a planning process with the Nova Scotia Health Authority and Department of Health and Wellness to meet the current challenges.

Emerging from this process is a partnership that is grounded in the vision that, in 2007 was the catalysis for the capital fundraising campaign. Funding for 100% of operating the Hospice will come from Government through the NSHA. Details of operations, location and building model are being worked out.

Building a residential Hospice is a promise that has been made to the Valley public. The Hospice in the Annapolis Valley is one of only two Hospice projects moving forward in Nova Scotia.

Community Support

The delays to the project over the past year have been a great concern for the Foundation. It means a lot to the Valley Hospice Foundation that the community continues to support our work through donations and events. Over \$90,000 was received this year in gifts from our community.

On May 3, 2015 over 100 Hikers participated in our 3rd annual Hike for Hospice. Our friends at Grant Thornton, LLP Kentville were out in full force hosting the event. \$17,500 was raised at the Hike.

In March 2016 the cast and crew (all over the age of 60) hit the stage at the Al Whittle Theatre in Wolfville, NS to showcase what it is like to be a senior citizen in today's world. A big thank you goes out to Jill Davies and the cast and crew of "Feelin Groovy". They not only raised \$11,000, they raised our spirits too!

2. Mission/Mandate

In October 2015 the Valley Hospice Foundation approved the following statement of their Mission and Mandate.

Mission Statement:

The Valley Hospice Foundation supports and promotes Hospice and Palliative Care in the Annapolis Valley.

Objective:

The Valley Hospice Foundation, through its philanthropic and community activities, assists the Annapolis Valley Palliative Care Program with the provision of quality end-of-life care and bereavement support for individuals and families and promotes broad understanding of Hospice Palliative Care through communication and education.

To that end we consider the following to be our mandate:

1. To build, furnish and equip the Hospice and Palliative Care Centre;
2. To identify, in collaboration with the Hospice Advisory Committee, the immediate and future requirements essential to quality services within the Hospice and the community;
3. To play a pivotal role in enhancing Hospice and Palliative Care;
4. To promote Hospice and Palliative Care education and understanding;
5. To develop and strengthen relationships with our donors and stakeholders, and organizations with similar objectives;
6. To ensure responsible and ethical management of resources.

3. *Serving the Mandate*

Two grants were issued aligned with the Valley Hospice Foundation's objectives:

1. \$6500 towards community based Grief and Bereavement program
2. \$1023 for education related to Hospice Palliative Care

The Valley Hospice Foundation's participation on various committees serves to continue their mandate of public education/awareness, communication and partnerships.

Don Wells and Diana Patterson continue to serve on the Hospice Options Working Group. The group was formed as a joint committee of Health Authority staff and Hospice Foundation. The group acts as a resource to support and provide input during the development stage of the Hospice. It also considers matters relating to the palliative care program serving the Valley community.

In June 2015 Dale Sanford, Executive Director became a member of a sub-committee of Chronic Care Management and Palliative Care chaired by Fern Brydon, Manager of Hospice Palliative Care, NSHA. The committee's focus is education and awareness of issues related to chronic illness and dying. Public activity this year included an *End of Life Planning Day* and three *Death Cafés*. These gatherings were meant to generate conversation around sensitive topics and connect people with resources.

On March 23 an educational session on the subject of *Advance Care Planning* took place. This has resulted in a group of 15 volunteers now qualified to be called on to present this information at public session within our community. This activity continues to be coordinated through the Valley Hospice Foundation Office using "Speak Up Nova Scotia" resources reflecting the Personal Directives Act of Nova Scotia.

In January 2016 a Hospice Shop Planning Committee was formed to explore raising funds through social enterprise. A business plan has been completed to be used when we are ready to move forward with the shop.

It is well known that volunteers will be vital to the Hospice once it is operational. We are pleased to be part of a newly formed Palliative Care Volunteer Program Planning Committee.

Formed out of concern that there is no longer a formal volunteer program to serve all the Palliative Care needs in the Valley, the group consists of members of the Palliative Care Team, Mid Valley Palliative Care, Valley Hospice Foundation, NSHA, and other qualified members of the community. Chaired by Susan Miles (retired Site Manger, AVH), the group is reviewing standards, training programs, needs in terms of volunteers for Hospital, Community, and the future Hospice.

Diana Patterson
Chair

4. Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee proposes the following appointments for membership on the Board of Directors:

Director	Brenda Wallace-Allen	31 March 2019
Director	Wayne Woodman	31 March 2019
Director	Martha Stewart	31 March 2019

Note: Directors shall be eligible for re-election in accordance with Article 26 of the By-Laws of the Valley Hospice Foundation. There is no Term Expiry date for the Past Chairman since the term is dependent on the stepping down of the current Chairperson.

Further, the Committee recommends, on behalf of the Executive of the Valley Hospice Foundation:

If these recommendations are approved, the Board for 2015-2016 will be:

<u>Name</u>	<u>End of term on Board</u>
David Acton	31 March 2017
Robbie Harrison	31 March 2017
Diana Patterson	31 March 2018
James R. C. Perkin	as required (Past Chair)
Beverly Richardson	31 March 2018
Martha Stewart	31 March 2019
Brenda Wallace-Allen	31 March 2019
Don Wells	31 March 2018
Wayne Woodman	31 March 2019

Don Wells
Committee Chair

5. Finance Report

The total assets as of March 31 2016 for Valley Hospice Foundation are: \$3,191,898.

Investments:	2,864,736
Cash	324,987
Accts. Receivable	1,279
Pre Paid Expense	896

The major asset of the Foundation is \$2,858,185 earmarked for the building of the Hospice. It is noted that this reflects the net of gifts & payments towards multi-year pledges received through the Our Community Our Health Capital Campaign as of March 31, 2016.

Other specified funds as of March 31 2016 are: Grief & Bereavement \$25,509 and Education \$762.

In October 2015, the funds raised for the Hospice through the Our Community Our Health (joint) Capital Campaign were transferred from the joint investment account (now closed) to the Valley Hospice Foundation's Investment Account. The funds remain invested using a low risk asset mix of: 80% Fixed/20% Equities. A joint bank account remains open in the name of Valley Hospice Foundation and Valley Regional Hospital Foundation to facilitate the remaining cash payments to be made towards multi-year and monthly pledges to the Capital Campaign.

In 2015-16 there is an increase in expenses from last year. This is directly related to a) an increase in fundraising activity/events, b) grants that were paid out in 2015/16 and c) the difference in value between cost and market value on investments.

The Valley Hospice Foundation's audited statements are available to the public for review.

Motions:

1. Approval of Statements: It is moved that the 2015-2016 Financial Statements prepared by Morse Brewster Lake be accepted.

2. Appointment of the Auditors It is moved that the auditing firm of Morse Brewster Lake to be reappointed as the auditors for this fiscal year 2016-2017.

Wayne Woodman
Treasurer