



# **The Valley Hospice Foundation**

**Annual Report – 2013/2014**

11 June 2014

*June 11 2014*

---

### Message from the Chair

I begin this 2013/14 Annual Report by acknowledging and thanking the legions of people in our Annapolis Valley Community, who have given their time, energy and money to support the establishment of our Hospice and Palliative Care Centre. 97% of our financial goal has been realized and the reality of our Hospice Centre is imminent.

In the fall of 2013 we took our initial steps toward the building of our Hospice. A design consulting services contract was awarded for the Hospice and Palliative Care Centre. I was pleased to represent the Hospice Foundation on the steering committee that was formed to guide the design team, along with Don Wells, Vice Chair/Operations. Our goal as part of the steering committee is to ensure our vision for a Centre that maintains the integrity of hospice and palliative care programs.

I am very proud of the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Hike for Hospice which was so warmly embraced by our community on May 4, 2013. Heartfelt thanks goes to the staff of Grant Thornton, LLP for introducing this national event to our region in support of the Valley Hospice Foundation's work, and for committing to making it an annual event.

As we reflect on the past year we honour the memory of Dr. David Alexander Colville who passed away in July 2013. Dr. Colville was a founding Director of the Valley Hospice Foundation and it was a privilege to have him as the Honorary Chair of the Our Community Our Health Capital Campaign. The Hospice work continues in his memory.

The type and quality of care that we receive at end of life depends on our ability and willingness to talk about and plan for death. End of life care becomes a priority in our health system when it is a priority for us. In October of 2013, Annapolis Valley Health Palliative Care presented a workshop entitled "Planning for My Future. The Hospice Foundation was pleased to support a full day event and we look forward to being future partners in similar activity.

In closing I want to acknowledge my fellow Board Members for the time they given towards the establishment of our Hospice Centre, and towards planning for a future that includes supporting the growth of Hospice Palliative Care programs in the Annapolis Valley.

Diana Patterson – Chair

*"We can do anything we want to do if we stick to it long enough." Helen Keller*

### **Hospice Options Working Group**

The Valley Hospice Foundation representatives continue to serve on the Hospice Options Working Group. This is a joint committee of the Valley Hospice Foundation and Annapolis Valley Health (AVH). Diana Patterson and Don Wells attend meetings to support and provide input during the development stage of the Hospice and Palliative Care Centre. Dr. Karen Burch, who is both a member of the Board of Directors of Valley Hospice Foundation and a physician associated with the Annapolis Valley Palliative Care Team also serves on the committee. Fern Brydon, the district's Palliative Care Program manager continues to chair the committee.

In September of 2013 a contract was awarded by Annapolis Valley Health for Design Consulting Services for a Hospice/Palliative Care Centre and Hemodialysis Unit addition(s) to Valley Regional Hospital. The construction of the Hemodialysis unit has been announced by the Nova Scotia Department of Health. The two projects are being considered together in order to seek efficiencies in both construction costs and operations.

In keeping with the Hospice Options Group's mandate to advise on practical matters involving the Hospice several of the committee members were part of the Steering Committee or were consulted to guide the design team. The Steering Committee included Diana Patters, Don Wells and Fern Brydon as well as other representatives from Annapolis Valley Health, the Capital Health District (as the dialysis unit will be part of their program) and the Nova Scotia Department of Health. The design team has presented three options for the Hospice Centre and the Dialysis Unit for consideration. One option is a combined structure, one a semi-detached structure and another two side-by-side structures. Each option presented allows for the integrity of the programs to remain as envisioned. Once an announcement is made regarding the direction of the building, the steering committee will resume their work with the design team.

When the Hospice becomes operational, the Options Working Group will be replaced with the Hospice Advisory Committee, as provided in the Memorandum of Agreement between the Valley Hospice Foundation and Annapolis Valley Health. This Advisory committee will continue with work similar to that of the Hospice Options Working Group.

**Don Wells**

**Vice Chair - Operations**

## **Fundraising/JCMC Report**

This past year the Valley's tradition of giving has continued. An additional \$1.1 million has been added to the Our Community Our Health Campaign, just \$163,051 short of reaching our \$8 million goal. Total pledges and gifts as of March 31 2014 were \$7,836,949 (includes verbal gift of \$200,000).

Although the Capital Campaign is positioned just before the finish line, we can still see the winners. I take this opportunity to acknowledge the Capital Campaign Team under the leadership of Henry Hicks.

Expectations are high that there will be a successful completion of the Our Community Our Health Campaign soon. As the year came to a close, the Joint Campaign Management Committee, consisting of representative from Valley Hospice Foundation and Valley Regional Hospital Foundation, approved a joint administrative plan that will support the final stages of the Campaign, while also allowing for Valley Regional Hospital Foundation to proceed with other non-campaign fundraising projects in the year to come.

In May of 2013 we were thrilled to host our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Hike for Hospice. Over 180 people participated and over \$26,000 was raised. With this setting the stage for an annual event in support of Hospice in the Valley, we wish to thank the staff at Grant Thornton, LLP Kentville for their role in making this a tremendous success.

Moving forward in the year to come, Fund Development will continue to be an area of focus for the Foundation in order to ensure that we continue to play a supporting role in the advancement of Hospice and Palliative Care in our region.

In closing we again thank the many who have contributed towards the many projects made possible by the Our Community Our Health Campaign and last but not least the creation of the Hospice and Palliative Care Centre.

**Wayne Woodman – Vice Chair, Fundraising**  
**Dale Sanford – Campaign Director**

### **Treasurer's Report**

The bank account balance for administrative purposes for the Valley Hospice Foundation was \$ 136,977 as of March 31, 2014. There is also a GIC in the amount of \$150,000.

The major asset of the Foundation is the investment of \$2,331,778 to "Our Community, Our Health" campaign for earmarked for the building of the Hospice. It is noted that this reflects the net of gifts & payments received as of March 31 2014 towards multi-year pledges to the Hospice portion of the Capital project. Total assets are \$2,673,366.

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

### **Motions:**

**1. Approval of Statements:** It is moved that the 2013 – 2014 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 2014 - 2015.

**Jim Noonan**  
**Treasurer**

### **Nominating Committee Report**

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

Director	David Acton	31 March 2017
Director	Robert Harrison	31 March 2017

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 2014-2015 will be:

<u>Position</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>End of term on Board</u>
Chair	Diana Patterson	31 March 2015
Past Chair	Dr. James R. C. Perkin	As Required
Vice-Chair, Fundraising	Wayne Woodman	31 March 2016
Vice-Chair, Operations	Dr. Don Wells	31 March 2015
Director	Dr. David Acton	31 March 2017
Director	Dr. Karen Burch	31 March 2015
Director	Robbie Harrison	31 March 2017
Director	Beverly Richardson	31 March 2015
Director	Martha Stewart	31 March 2016
Director	Brenda Wallace-Allen	31 March 2016

**Don Wells – Committee Chair**