

VALLEY HOSPICE FOUNDATION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

24 June 2015

Agenda - Business Meeting

Call to Order

Approval of Business Meeting Agenda

Minutes of the 11 June 2014 Annual General Meeting

Report of the Directors:

Report from the Chair – A Year in Review

Report of the Treasurer
(including Report of the Auditors)

Appointment of Auditors for fiscal year 2015-2016

Proposed Slate of Directors for fiscal year 2015 - 2016

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2014/2015-Year in Review

Taking Steps

The 2nd Annual Hike for Hospice took place on May 3, 2014. Thanks to the wonderful volunteers at Grant Thornton LLP, Kentville, and almost 100 Hikers and donors, over \$20,000 was raised for the Valley Hospice Foundation.

In keeping with the Valley Hospice Foundation's commitment to Hospice and Palliative Care in the Annapolis Valley, the Board of Directors have begun a process of strategic planning for the future.

Generous designated gifts received this year will mean that we are able to support programs in the area of Grief and Bereavement and Education in the year to come.

Capital Project

Since the fall of 2006 the Valley Hospice Foundation have conducted the Our Community Our Health Capital Campaign in partnership with the Valley Regional Hospital Foundation to raise \$8 million to support the 25% community portion of the redevelopment of Valley Regional Hospital, the purchase of medical equipment and 100% funding requirements for the building of a Hospice and Palliative Care Centre.

This Campaign brings with it a cause for great celebration and also a need for urgent action. The completed redevelopment projects at Valley Regional Hospital have provided many positive changes to the delivery of services to the people of the Annapolis Valley. But, the need for palliative care continues to grow, as does the need for our Hospice and Palliative Care Centre to be built.

In 2013/14 we reported to the community that there was consideration for the Hospice to be combined with the newly announced Hemodialysis Unit. Three options were presented and it was determined that the Hospice would be a structure separate from the Hemodialysis Unit.

During this past year members of our team attended several meetings with Annapolis Valley Health and the Minister of Health and Wellness. With other Hospice projects before the Minister it became necessary for a Provincial Strategy to be in place. At year end (March 31, 2015) the announcement of plans for the Hospice is in the hands of the Minister of Health and the Department of Health and Wellness. We are confident that the Valley's commitment to Hospice will lead to a positive outcome for not only the Annapolis Valley, but also for similar project in other Nova Scotia communities.

We are pleased to report that gifts to the Campaign continue to be forthcoming. To name a few, generous gifts have been received from the Bank of Montreal, the Chicken Farmers of Nova Scotia and several other caring individuals. At year end the Campaign stands just \$45,000 short of the \$8 million goal. We thank the Valley Community for their continued support.

Diana Patterson, Chair
June 24, 2015

"When one door closes, another opens. But we often look so regretfully upon the closed door that we don't see the one that has opened for us." Helen Keller

Treasurer's Report

The bank account balance for administrative purposes for the Valley Hospice Foundation was \$ 203,329 as of March 31, 2015. There is also a GIC in the amount of \$100,000.

The major asset of the Foundation is the investment of \$2,736,799 to the "Capital Project" earmarked for the building of the Hospice. It is noted that this reflects the net of gifts & payments received as of March 31 2015 towards multi-year pledges to the Hospice portion of the Capital project. Total assets are \$3,042,224.

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

Motions:

1. Approval of Financial Statements:

It is moved that the 2014-2015 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 2015 - 2016.

Wayne Woodman
Treasurer
June 24, 2015

Nominating Committee Report

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

Director	Diana Patterson	31 March 2018
Director	Beverly Richardson	31 March 2018
Director	Don Wells	31 March 2018

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 2016
Brenda Wallace-Allen	31 March 2016
Don Wells	31 March 2018
Wayne Woodman	31 March 2016

Don Wells
Committee Chair
June 24, 2015