



A Year in Review – 2017/2018

Valley Hospice Foundation
Annual General Meeting
June 20, 2018

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BUILDING HOSPICE

Over the past year our focus has been on working as part of the Hospice Advisory Committee to plan the design and construction of our Hospice. The committee is made up of members of our Board, the Nova Scotia Health Authority (NSHA) senior and front line staff, members of our community, and was expanded to include architects from the firm William Nycum & Associates.



The Hospice will be located in a wooded area on a site near Valley Regional Hospital. It will sit on a knoll with the trees between it and Brooklyn Street in Kentville, NS. The site will connect residents to nature with each of the 10 bedrooms having their own opening outside. The site was noted by one observer to have a lifting sensation, which seems appropriate for a hospice. The energies of the trees, the hill and the river that flows below the site offers a metaphor for the circle and cycles of life.

The board and the extended team have worked tirelessly. We have worked within the constraints of our budget to land on a design that strikes a balance of a place that is like a home and functions as a safe and compassionate Hospice. In February 2018 we shared the vision with members of our community during a breakfast with the architect, Benjie Nycum.

Throughout all the phases of design there were clinical and practical decisions to be made; how will food be delivered, how will people visit, what about security, infection control, all of which were critical to the design. With the refinement of each detail in design came the refinement of cost leading to the critical decisions that informed what has becoming our hospice designs. Tendering for the construction is the final step before we break ground.

Plans for building the Hospice are steadily moving ahead and we thank everyone involved for not giving up on this dream. We're almost there.



PARTNERS IN CARE

In our last report we wrote about the evolution of the Foundation as a partner in Hospice Palliative Care.

The Foundation has earmarked \$25,000 to support year two of the Hospice Palliative Care Volunteer Program in the Annapolis Valley under the umbrella of NSHA. In the fall last year the Palliative Care Team in the Annapolis Valley was expanded to include Susan Miles, Team Lead of the HPC Volunteer Program. It has been reported that there are currently 20 volunteers accepted into the program and are completing their required training. Susan has introduced an on-line training program by permission of Ontario Hospice Palliative Care. Valley volunteers are the first group for the program that will be adapted for use in Nova Scotia. Volunteers will assist patients and families in homes, hospital and in the hospice once it becomes operational. Valley Hospice Foundation continues to serve on the Hospice Palliative Care Volunteer Program Advisory Committee along with other community members and healthcare providers.

A grant in the amount of \$10,000 supported The Friends in Bereavement Support Grief Groups throughout the Annapolis Valley and a Grief Recovery Program facilitated by Jennifer Longley.



This year marked the 25th anniversary of *The Friends in Bereavement Support Groups* that take place across the Annapolis Valley. It was heartwarming to attend the celebration and meet the many people who have been helped by the program.



MUD CREEK ROTARY GIVE THEIR SUPPORT FOR HOSPICE PROGRAMS

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The people in our Valley community continue to be generous with their support of Hospice and Palliative Care. The total received this year from donations and special events is \$712,530.00 (gross).

On May 6 2017 our 5th annual Hike for Hospice was a great success. Close to 150 hikers join us and \$27,000 was raised.



We acknowledge the staff and partners of Grant Thornton, LLP Kentville for 5 years of presenting the Hike for Hospice & raising over \$100,000!



Summer Dance Party & Pig Roast Nosh

It was a great night out at the Port Pub & Bistro for our 1st annual Hoppin for Hospice, Summer Dance Party. \$16,000 raised.



November 17 2017 marked the date of our 2st annual Holiday Gala celebrating the holidays in style. \$15,000 raised.

A heartfelt thanks to Cora and Guy Breton and all the volunteers who were truly committed to making our events a success!

Diana Patterson
Chair

FINANCE REPORT

The total assets as of March 31 2018 for Valley Hospice Foundation are: \$2,108,618.

A payment of \$2 million has been made of the \$3.8 million committed to Nova Scotia Health Authority for the building of the Hospice.

Other specified funds as of March 31 2018 are outlined on page 2 & 3 of the Audited Financial Statements.

Grief & Bereavement \$48,534

Education \$523

Volunteer Program: \$6,129

Funds in the amount of \$1,550,957 are invested and managed by Scotia Wealth Management using a low risk asset mix of: 80% Fixed/20% Equities.

A joint bank account in the name of Valley Hospice Foundation and Valley Regional Hospital Foundation that was opened to facilitate the cash payments to be made towards multi-year/month pledges to the Capital Campaign known as the Our Community Our Health Campaign has now been closed. Any remaining pledge payments to the joint Capital Campaign will be facilitated by the Valley Hospice Foundation.

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

Motions:

1. Approval of Statements: It is moved that the 2016-2017 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 2017 - 2018.

Wayne Woodman
Treasurer

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Director	Don Wells	31 March 2021
Director	Bev Richardson	31 March 2021
Director	Diana Patterson	31 March 2021
Director	Gail Gordon	31 March 2021
Director	Lori Burgess	31 March 2021

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 2018-2019 will be:

<u>Name</u>	<u>End of term on Board</u>
David Acton	31 March 2020
Lori Burgess	31 March 2020
Gail Gordon	31 March 2021
Robbie Harrison	31 March 2020
Diana Patterson	31 March 2021
Beverly Richardson	31 March 2021
Martha Stewart	31 March 2019
Brenda Wallace-Allen	31 March 2019
Don Wells	31 March 2021
Wayne Woodman	31 March 2019

Don Wells
Committee Chair



Dr. James Perkin 1928 -2017

Dr. Perkin served on the Valley Hospice Foundation from its early inception in 2000 to 2017 in several capacities including Chair and Honorary Chair.

He was forever positive about our organization's future and seldom missed a chance to remind everyone, especially our elected officials, of the positive role a residential Hospice could play in our society. He was always ready to attend and speak at any group, no matter the size or location, that might want to consider making a financial donation to the cause.

He was particularly well loved within our Board for his quiet humour, incisive insight, national and international Hospice knowledge, monthly book reviews and reading recommendations. He happily welcomed new Board members and made everyone feel they could contribute in various ways. His twinkling eyes and mischievous smile will be long remembered.

