

CMHA PEI's 60th Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, October 28, 2020, 6:30pm
Via Zoom (approximately 66 people attended)

Welcome/Opening Remarks:

Cecil Villard, Acting Chair of the Board of Directors (CMHA-PEI) welcomed everyone to the 60th Annual General Meeting. Cecil acknowledged that the meeting took place on the territory of the Mi'kmaq people. He expressed that he would like to honor the Mi'kmaq for our respective rights to reside here in harmony.

Cecil outlined the following housekeeping notes:

- Hosting on zoom.
- Refer to the agenda that was emailed in part of the AGM package
- Ask questions in chat box or raise hand
- Voting members can vote using the poll option

Cecil officially called the meeting to order at 6:33pm. He mentioned that following the business portion of the meeting there will be a presentation by Tayte Willows, CMHA's Acting Director of Programs and Policy.

Recognitions:

Cecil extended a sincere thank you to all of CMHA PEI staff, volunteers and partners for their continued support. He thanked and recognized CMHA's partners:

- The Government of Canada
- The PEI Government
- Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation
- COWS
- Bell Aliant
- PEI Aqua Farms
- PEI Marathon
- Murphy Hospitality
- D.P. Murphy
- Murchison Foundation

Greetings:

Cecil welcomed and invited Minister of Health and Wellness, James Aylward to bring greetings on behalf of the province.

Minister Aylward thanked the CMHA board of directors, CMHA PEI staff and volunteers. He stated that the Government continues to work to understand the mental health pressures and challenges and to improve and sustain mental health and that it is vitally important to collaborate with the community to provide the best supports and treatments available. Immediate action to improve mental health for Islanders continues to be a main priority for government. Mental Health affects all people - directly or by supporting a loved one. Minister Aylward mentioned there are exciting announcements to come in the next several weeks regarding new initiatives. He outlined that they are pleased to provide services such as; student wellbeing teams, behavioral support team, the Island Helpline, senior support teams, maternal health, and many more. Throughout Covid-19 they have turned to offering services virtually, by phone or urgent care clinics.

Services are being adapted to find new supportive ways. Online and telehealth options have been expanded and mental health is a main priority for government, both provincially and federally. Conversations are happening at the National level to enhance mental health services across Canada to fast-track and expand services. Minister Aylward expressed that he is looking forward to continuing to work with CMHA PEI and its volunteers. He extended thanks and appreciation to those who work and volunteer with CMHA PEI for the work that is done every day and reminds us that we have a common goal - to improve the lives of Islanders.

Cecil thanked Minister Aylward and next, called upon Sophie Arseneault-Drapeau to bring greetings on behalf of Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

Sophie welcomed all to the 60th Annual Meeting and outlined the goals of the affordable housing sector: to eliminate housing need. To ensure that by 2030 everyone has a home that they can afford and that meets their needs. Sophie outlined the CMHC Community Housing Initiative; Phase 1 with continuing existing agreements until phase 2 can begin. This process was delayed due to Covid, but phase two was launched on September 1st. Through this strategy, CMHC strives to create safe, affordable housing for all and with partners, can continue to strive toward this ambitious goal. She expressed gratitude for CMHA PEI as a great partner in working toward these goals.

Cecil thanked Sophie and the Canada Mortgage Housing Corporation for their continued support.

Approval of the Minutes from the 2019 Annual General Meeting:

Cecil called upon John Horreil to present the 2019 AGM minutes. Matt Younker moved for the adoption of the minutes. Ed MacAulay seconded this motion. 29 Approved, 6 abstained. Motion carried.

Reports:

Cecil acknowledged staff and volunteers for their hardworking commitment. He noted the reports are available online and in the AGM booklet. Next Cecil called upon Jamie Arseneault to present the Finance Report.

Finance Report

Jamie noted that due to Covid-19, the auditors at Grant Thornton have not yet finalized the report but assures it will be available soon. Everything looks to be good, just working on the final touches. He noted that revenues are approximately 6 million and expenses-5.3 million. He invited participants to refer to the charts and highlighted the following:

Revenue comes from:

- Government funding – 65.5%
- Donations - 8.4%
- Operations – 13.6%
- Fundraising – 12.5%

Expenses:

- Programs and Services - 73%
- Operations – 12.8%
- Management & Support – 9.3%

Communications – 2.7%

Fundraising – 2.2%

The majority of funding that comes in, goes right back out to programs throughout the province. Jamie noted a couple of things about the report: CMHA PEI has had a successful financial year with the ongoing construction of the Transitional Housing facility and a second year of funding for the Peer Support program along with the pilot funding of the Kings County office. There is a large surplus, primarily due to a significant contribution from Murchison Foundation for the housing facility. This is allocated to restricted reserves with it being spent on capital items. The balance is \$372,000 which will be available for the remainder of construction. The organization is greatly thankful for the support of its major funding partners, sponsors and donors. This continued support allows us to offer programs and support to achieve mental wellness across the province. While it is great to have a surplus, it is not necessarily revenue as it is allocated for planned items. Surplus will be spent on planned capital items. Jamie also noted that the impacts of Covid-19 are not reflected in this report but they will in the next fiscal year. Through the help of our province and government funding we are hoping to maintain our financial stability.

Jamie motioned to approve the report as presented. John seconded this motion. Motion was approved unanimously.

Jamie motioned to approve auditors for the current fiscal year at Grant Thornton. Cecil seconded this motion. Motion was approved.

Nomination Report

Colin Campbell was called upon to present the Nomination Report. Colin welcomed Cecil to the first Annual General Meeting as Chair and expressed appreciation. The existing board members that will be returning are; Matt Younker, Jamie Arsenault, Deborah Wood-Salter, John Horrelet, Colin Campbell. Ed MacAulay will be leaving at the end of his term. Colin announced two additional nominees: Michelle Morrison and Linda MacAulay. We would like to welcome them to the Board and we will be continuing to recruit to build a strong board for our organization. Colin moved to accept nominations of Michelle and Linda and the departure of Ed MacAulay. Seconded by Jamie. Motion approved.

Cecil thanked Ed MacAulay for his long-term commitment to the Board and gave best wishes.

New Business: - Volunteer Long Service Awards given to:

Marg Connolly for her role with the Women and Wellness committee - awarded a bronze pin for 10 years of service.

Phyllis Porter for her work on the Hope Centre Advisory Committee - awarded a bronze pin for 10 years of service.

Matt Younker for his work on the CMHA Division Board of Directors - awarded a bronze pin for 10 years of service.

Cecil thanked all of them for their dedication and work with CMHA. Cecil recognized and thanked Reid Burke for his work over the last 33 years and his achievements as Executive Director.

Cecil called upon Treena Smith to present the Robert Gallant Award. Treena thanked everyone for attending and introduced the Robert Gallant Award. The recipient of this award is given to someone who embodies the traits of Robert Gallant and improves the lives of those living with mental illness. The

recipient of this award was Ida MacCarville. Ida has worked with CMHA for 35 years. Treena outlined Ida's achievements and dedication to CMHA and congratulated her.

Adjournment

Cecil invited participants to leave questions or comments in the chat box.

Matt Younker moved to adjourn the business portion of the meeting. Motion Approved at 7:03pm.

Cecil invited everyone to stay for a presentation by Tayte Willows, CMHA's Acting Director of Programs, on the new CMHA PEI Learning, Training and Support Hub.

Zoom Meeting ended by host at 7:21pm.