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Powell River Hospice Society 2018 AGM

President's Report

Welcome everyone to our fourth AGM. As required, it is within 15 months of our last AGM and all members received notification 14 days prior to the meeting.

This has been a busy and productive year. We started the year with a governance review and strategic planning session, facilitated by Mac Fraser. From that, I feel we are on the right track and have an idea on how to carry on. We redesigned our website in January 2018 and that is a great help in getting the word out about what we are doing and in our fundraising.

As far as palliative referrals go, we have almost doubled the number compared to the previous year and we have had at least as many bereavement referrals. We trained another 14 volunteers and they are all busy providing services.

Our greatest growth has taken place partly due to our Fundraising Chair, Doe Fraser, and the fundraising committee. Just to give you an idea of the incredible donations we have received this year, some of the major ones are:

First Credit Union: \$20,000 [toward capital costs]
Grant-in-Aid – City of Powell River: \$5400
Grant-in-Aid – Regional District: \$2400
Westview Insurance Grant: \$1200
First Credit Union Insurance Grant: \$4700
Raymond James Foundation: \$3000.
Concentra Grant: \$25,000 [towards capital costs]
Sovereign Order of St. John of Jerusalem Grant: \$5000 [to fund a Caregiver's group]
Powell River Community Foundation: \$5000 [to fund Music Therapy in 2019]
Hike for Hospice: >\$16,000.
Third party fundraiser: \$5500
Regional District Hospital Board: \$1.2 million [towards capital costs]

As well, Sandy provided hours of work applying for a Community Gaming Grant. If we receive what we hope for, it will fund some of our operating costs, as many of the above are just one time grants and/or are for capital costs only. Sandy will talk about our new and repeating programs in her report.

One of our greatest assets along with our volunteers is our coordinator, Anna Byrne. To understate it, she is phenomenal! She follows up every referral, visits, assesses, matches volunteers, trains volunteers, liaises with hospital staff, facility staff, newspapers, works in our office and on and on. Our hospice would not be what it is without Anna. Thank you!

I have just two more things to say. First, we now have our own office space, thanks to Jack Barr. We are so excited for being gifted this space for the next year; we will be able to hold meetings and facilitate workshops

there, as well as having a place for people to drop in to. Lee Coulter is going to volunteer some of his time to “man our office” some days.

And the last thing is an update on our “Hospice Home”. We now have some initial floor plans and a firmer cost at about \$3 million dollars which includes some contingency funds. The planned location is off Abbotsford Street near the northeast end of Willingdon Creek Village. We still have to fundraise for approximately half of the \$3 million dollar cost.

Now, the most important item: A huge thank you to all of our volunteers and board members. You are hospice; your care, dedication, and passion for this work is very special and necessary to operate a successful hospice. Thank you!!

Heather Baldwin
President