

### Director's Report for AGM 2018

Our Society was incorporated on 17 December, 2015 with 5 initial Board Members: Rosalie Nichiporuk, Kenneth Simon, Kathie LaForge, Jody Pedersen and Glenda Olson.

After the 2017 Board Meeting, we had ten Directors in place: Rosalie Nichiporuk, Kenneth Simon, Kathie LaForge, Jody Pedersen, Ruth McIntosh, Roy Spooner, Suzanne Campbell, Fiona Lamprecht, Mary Burkholder and Priscilla Mueller. After that meeting and in October of 2018, Shelley Funk was elected as our eleventh Director. Resignations were received from Suzanne Campbell on 5 December, 2018, Rosalie Nichiporuk on 10 December, 2018 and from Jody Pedersen on 11 December, 2018 so the Directors that are in place and eligible to vote at this AGM are as follows

1. Kenneth Simon	2. Kathie LaForge
3. Ruth McIntosh	4. Roy Spooner
5. Fiona Lamprecht	6. Mary Burkholder
7. Priscilla Mueller	8. Shelley Funk
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During 2018, the Board accomplished the following:

- Purchased appropriate Directors and Officers as well as Comprehensive Liability Insurance.
- Met with Sinclar Group to discuss payroll deductions and possible matching. Still waiting for a response to this request.
- Met with School District #91 Board to present the concept of allowing employees to donate to Vanderhoof Community Foundation (VCF) via payroll deductions. This request was subsequently approved and we will be meeting with School District staff in the coming year.
- We worked on a partnership with the Nechako Valley Sporting Association to assist with food preparation and serving for the annual Paddle the Nechako Races but unfortunately this event was cancelled due to lack of registrations.
- Directors have developed forms necessary to begin a granting program in 2019. These forms have been reviewed by Lawyer, Chris Wingham and will be on the agenda for approval at today's regular meeting.
- Changes were made to our bylaws to clean up wording from "shall" to "may" to give more flexibility in a variety of areas.
- Arranged for Chef Dale MacKay to be our Guest Speaker at our next fundraiser in May of 2019 and obtained confirmation from the Co-Op of their willingness to provide \$5,000 towards sponsoring this event.
- With the help of Brad McRobert, Regional Manager, Regional Economic Operations, we were able to get our Foundation added to the list of potential charities that the Provincial Employees

could donate to through their payroll as part of the Provincial Employees Community Services Fund.

- As mentioned, we recruited one more new Director, Shelley Funk.
- We began collecting photos and biographies of our Directors for our website.
- Secured the service of Chris Wingham to act as our legal counsel on a pro bono basis.
- Received a \$500 donation from the Staff and Doctors at the Omineca Clinic. The Funds were raised from their Jeans Day kitty. We will be preparing a media release on this with the hopes of encouraging other small businesses to consider such fundraisers.
- We have applied for funds from the District of Vanderhoof's Grant in Aide program to cover travel and registration costs for two people to attend the Community Foundations Canada conference in Victoria in June 2019.
- Six Board members attended a Strategic Planning Session in November to help us focus our efforts for the next two years. Brad McRobert facilitated this event and minutes will be shared as soon as possible.

Priorities for the coming year include:

- A successful grant program being launched.
- Ensuring our Chef Dale MacKay event is successful in spreading the word of the Foundation and raising funds for our Endowment Account.
- Meeting with School District Staff to ensure that interested individuals get signed up for payroll donations.
- Identifying and contacting potential corporate donees.
- Developing an approach to raising the awareness of donations through wills and/or legacies.
- Presenting to the District of Vanderhoof Council and Regional District Area F Director an update on our progress to date.

I would like to thank our Directors for their hard work and dedication over the past year. I think we should be proud of where we have come and what we have accomplished in basically a little over 2 years. The process of building this organization from scratch has been challenging and it takes our combined efforts to be successful.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

President, Kathie LaForge

Dated: 13 December, 2018