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Fredericton Community Services Inc, *Greener Village, Home of the Fredericton Food Bank*

Update Annual General Meeting

Members of the corporation of Fredericton Community Services Incorporated gathered for the 36th Annual General Meeting at Greener Village on November 17, 2020.

The members received in depth reports of the 2019 year as well as year to date updates on the progress made in 2020. To say the least, 2020 has been a very challenging year due to the global impacts of the pandemic. Fredericton Community Services finished 2019 with a small surplus, something that hasn't happen for several years. The surplus can be contributed to the fantastic work our fundraising committee did in 2019 and continues to do. The organization continues to grow with the addition of new members to the Corporate Membership.

Fredericton Community Services Inc. has re-elected Daniel Taylor as President, Sharon Nussey as Vice President, Scott VanBuskirk as Treasurer, and Dorma Grant as Secretary.

Additionally, the organization re-elected the following directors Rev. Dr. Neville Gosman, Wyn Gruffydd, Kenneth Little (past president), Tim Rattenbury, Greg Doucet and Leslie Reid.

The outcome of the AGM election is as follows:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President – Daniel Taylor

Vice-President – Sharon Nussey

Treasurer – Scott VanBuskirk

Secretary- Dorma Grant

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Rev Dr Neville Gosman

Wyn Gruffydd

Kenneth Little (past president)

Tim Rattenbury

Leslie Reid

Greg Doucett

For more information on the work of Fredericton Community Services Inc, or to read our updated by-laws please visit greenvillage.org

Background

Greener Village started as The Fredericton Food Bank in 1983, becoming one of the first food charities in the Greater Fredericton Area. In 2012, the Fredericton Food Bank made the transition

to our new building located on Riverside Drive in Fredericton. With the move to our current location, we developed a Learning Kitchen, Community Gardens and the Unique Boutique.

Today Greener Village provides assistance to over 1300 people weekly, 35% of our clients are children and youth, 10% are seniors.

The needs of this community are met through multiple distribution locations, community kitchens, training workshops and partnerships with over 35 community partners located in the Fredericton area.

The Greener Village receives, purchases and distributes approximately \$1.25 million worth of food each year. Because of our size, scale and unique position in the local food system, Greener Village has significantly greater buying power than can be achieved at the grocery store and can purchase as much as \$2 worth of food for every \$1 donated, maximizing the impact of our donor's generous contributions.

While we continue to provide assistance to help address the immediate needs of the community, we also recognize that emergency food as a stand-alone is not a long-term solution.