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Fredericton NB

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 38th Annual General Meeting on November 26, 2022.

The members received in depth reports of the 2021 year as well as year to date updates on the progress made in 2022. To say the least, 2022 continued to be very challenging year due to the global impacts of the pandemic and inflation. Looking to 2023, Fredericton Community Services will be developing a new 5-year strategic plan which will include a plan to further increase the volume fresh food in our food hampers to 70%.,

Fredericton Community Services Inc. has re-elected Daniel Taylor as President, Sharon Nussey as Vice President, and Hasnain Mirza as Treasurer. Newly elected to the executive committee as Secretary is Dr. Andre Pelletier.

Additionally, the membership elected three new directors, Scott Smith, Chris Pelkey and Mohammad Al Khateeb. The membership also thanked Dr. Neville Gosman for his dedicated service as he has served on the board for the past five years.

The board composition as the result of the AGM election is as follows:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President – Daniel Taylor

Vice-President – Sharon Nussey

Treasurer – Hasnain Mirza

Secretary- Andre Pelletier

DIRECTORS

Wyn Gruffydd

Leslie Reid

Amanda Carter

Carol Sharpe

Kimothy Stewart

Jessica Gagnon

Chris Pelkey

Scott Smith

Mohammad Al Khateeb

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

Background

Fredericton Community Services Inc. (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. Additionally, in 2012 Fredericton Community Services began operating under the name of Greener Village.

Today Greener Village aids over 1000 families monthly, 35% of our clients are children and youth, 10% are seniors.

The needs of this community are met through in person pickup, deliveries, partner pickup locations, training workshops and partnerships with over 35 community partners located in the Fredericton

The Greener Village receives, purchases, and distributes approximately \$1.75 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 \$3 worth of food for every \$1 donated, maximizing the impact of our donor's generous contributions.

While we continue 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.