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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 37th Annual General Meeting on November 23, 2021. For the second time, the AGM was held virtually as a precaution due to the impact of the global pandemic.

The members received in depth reports of the 2020 year as well as year to date updates on the progress made in 2021. To say the least, 2020/2021 have been very challenging years due to the global impacts of the pandemic. Fredericton Community Services finished 2020 with a surplus. The surplus can be contributed to the outstanding work our fundraising committee as well as improvements to operations in 2020. Looking to 2022, Fredericton Community Services will be developing a new 5-year strategic plan which will include a plan to increase the volume fresh food in our food hampers to 60%. Additionally, Fredericton Community Services will be reviewing its current brand.

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

Additionally, the organization re-elected the following directors Amanda Carter, Javed Khan, Joshua Paul, and Carol Sharpe. Newly elected directors are Kimothy Stewart, Dr. Andre Pelletier and Jessica Gagnon.

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- Leslie Reid

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Rev. Dr. Neville Gosman

Wyn Gruffydd

Marc Ouellet

Javed Khan

Amanda Carter

Carol Sharpe

Joshua Paul

Kimothy Stewart

Jessica Gagnon

Dr. Andre Pelletier

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 greenervillage.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 provides assistance to 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 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.